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It usually occupies the least amount of space in any home, but a bathroom's functionality and design can spell a great difference. This is certainly true at Portico, Alveo Land's latest enclave in Pasig City, where the standard bathroom makes use of products designed with the homeowner's comfort and convenience in mind.

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## SMALL WONDERS

I've always believed that tiny condos are much smarter than large homes because fitting someone's belongings into such a diminutive space is quite a talent. And in case you're still in denial, you know you're living in a really small home when:

### 1. Everything is within arm's reach.

And I don't mean your mobile phone. Doctor and DIY maven Bien Po once said that the

beauty of living in his 46-sqm home is that his dining area is within his kitchen.

**2. Your sofa is also your bed.** And your dining table is also your computer table. And your ottoman is also your coffee table. You get my drift.

**3. Your shoes become part of the décor.** Lack of shoe storage? No problem. Let your best-looking shoes snake outside your hallway. Just make sure they're all neatly lined up and not stinky.

**4. You call a bunch of herbs in pots your "garden."** Having a balcony is a treat, because more often than not, this "garden" just sits on your kitchen windowsill.

**5. When one extra person—a friend or a relative—comes to visit, it instantly becomes a party.** One owner of a 45-sqm condo mentioned that the most number of people he was able to fit into his flat was 20, and the party was a blast.

**6. You look at that six-inch-wide space below your ceiling and think:** hmm, another spot for a shelf!

Check out [www.realliving.com.ph](http://www.realliving.com.ph) to see my favorite small homes through the years. And read the rest of this issue for proof that sometimes smaller is better.

*Rachelle*



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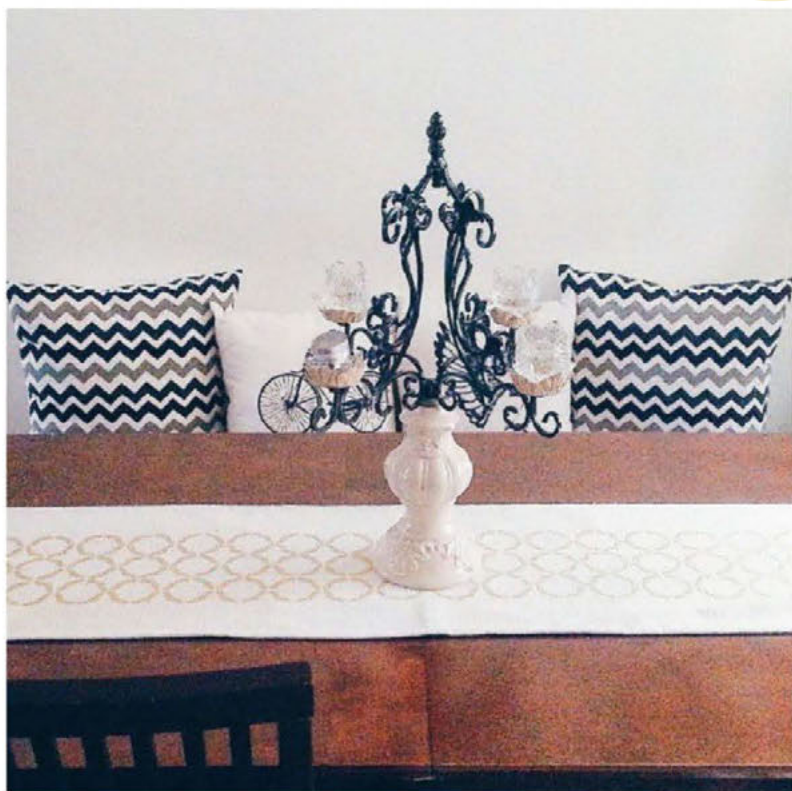
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**This month's Instagram snap is by @wanderwap:**  
**"Dining table ready for candlelit dinners. That's a vintage candle holder from my lolo and lola's house." #classic #reallivingph #makeitblissful**

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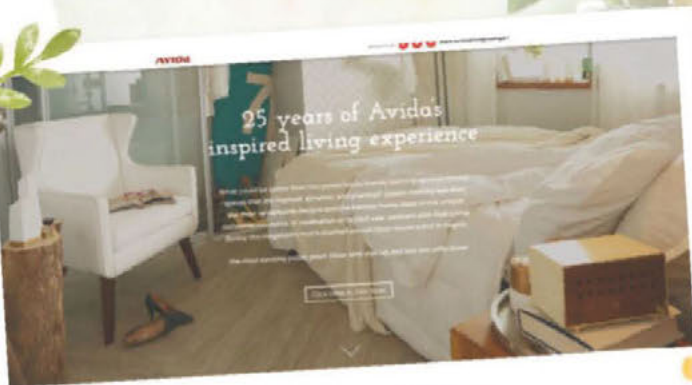
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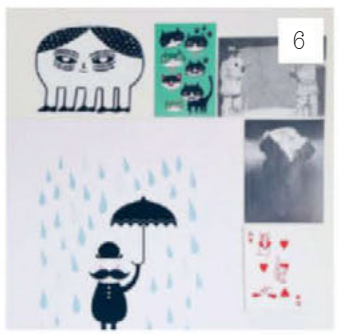
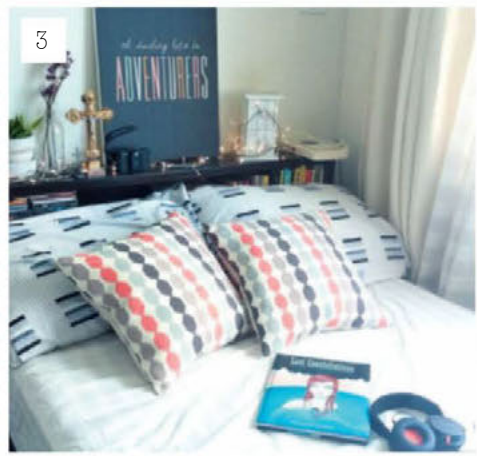
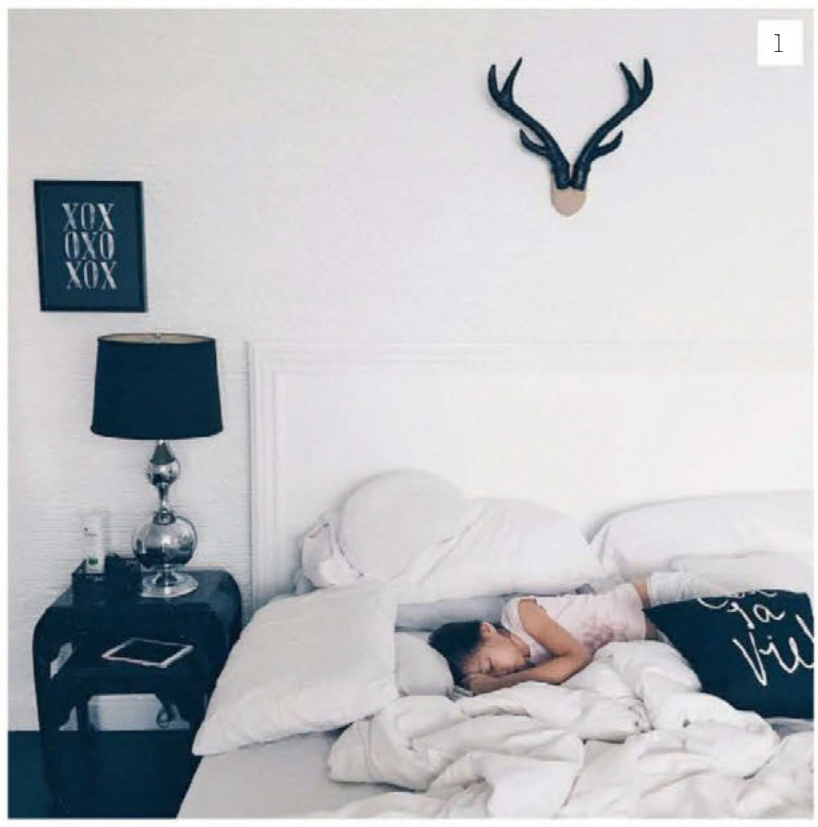
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THIS MONTH OF AUGUST, THESE IG POSTS PROVE THAT COMPACT SPACES CAN ALSO BE DREAM HOMES

- 1. @sarahtirona**  
"Finally found time to hang some wall art. That's BG enjoying the cozy sheets."  
#interiordesign  
#whitespaces  
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- 2. @celineautencio**  
"DIY starburst mirror with narra furniture"  
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- 3. @fayeshka** "I was never a big fan of pink clothes and interiors, but I love coral, which is the closest thing to pink that I could ever get."  
#instalivingph  
#interiors
- 4. @albert\_ice** "Mirror."

- #johnlewis  
#newhome #condo  
#reallivingph
- 5. @joevillareal** "Hello from my *maarte* lamp."  
#instalivingph #home #condo
- 6. @kitsingson**  
"Suddenly, a wild *garapata* appeared (along with some cats and BenCab prints)!"  
#myrlcondolife
- 7. @shine\_funa** "Our balcony garden is almost complete! We just need a flowering plant that won't easily shrivel up and die."  
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# ALL IN

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## PATTERN PROBLEM

**Q** I'm reupholstering my sofa and some chairs, and I want to use patterned fabric. What patterns are best used in small spaces?

**A** Pick ones that you really love. There are no right or wrong choices, because these are based on your personality. Use a variety of textures and patterns in different scales, but establish a factor that ties all the elements together, like a color scheme. You can use your favorite pattern as the dominant one, and apply more patterns in smaller doses. Check out various fabrics at Townes along Arnaiz Ave. (Pasay Road), Makati City, or in various shops in Kamuning, Quezon City. See the RL Notebook on p. 99 for more ideas.



(FROM TOP TO BOTTOM) STOCKHOLM THROW PILLOW, P1,950, MÖBLER; KAMOTE STOOL, P2,500, MANDAUE FOAM; UPHOLSTERED ARMCHAIR, FIND SIMILAR AT CAVE

## MAKE ROOM

**Q** How many rooms can we create with a 200-sqm space?—*Lovely P. Abalo*

**A** A 200-sqm residential space can comfortably fit three to four bedrooms depending on the type of residence (i.e., if it's a house-and-lot or a condo unit). This is important because of the difference in space requirements and allocation of space for the common areas, such as the living area, dining area, and kitchen. Allocating rooms will also depend on your preferred

size of bedroom. When kept to a minimum, the 200-sqm space can definitely accommodate a larger number of rooms, following space requirements as stated in the National Building Code of the Philippines: "Rooms shall have a minimum size of 6.00 square meters (65 square feet) with at least horizontal dimension of 2.00 meters (6 feet, 7 inches) for rooms of human habitations."



### WHAT'S YOUR DECORATING PROBLEM?

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## DAYBED DILEMMA

**Q** I'm currently furnishing my 25-sqm studio unit. Where can I have a daybed or sofabed custom-made? Or where can I buy a ready-made one? I'm planning to put it in my living area.

**A** You can have your daybed made at basically any furniture store that does customizing. Try Origins, Heima, and Biara at LRI



Design Plaza, 210 N. Garcia St., Makati City; Home Matters at 4/L Mega Fashion Hall, SM Megamall, Mandaluyong City; and even local shops in Cainta, Rizal and Tagaytay. In case you find custom-made furniture expensive, get ready-made ones at SM Home, Our Home, Landmark, SB Furniture, Dimensione, AllHome, Furniture Republic, CW Home Depot Furniture Section, and Mandaue Foam.



RED D01 SOFABED, P27,950, DIMENSIONE

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### FABRIC STORIES

Japanese artist Aiko Tezuka held a solo exhibition last June 8 to July 19 at the Ayala Museum, Ayala Center, Makati City. The exhibit, titled "Unraveling, Restoring," featured Aiko's art on fabric, which she deconstructed "to unravel forgotten histories or discover new plotlines." With the wefts and warps left exposed, the fabric's inner structure is revealed, as well as the sophisticated weaving techniques behind it. For more information, visit [www.aikotezuka.com](http://www.aikotezuka.com). —KL

### AUGUST'S PICK

### WEST ELM SUMMER COLLECTION

Popular American home furnishings brand West Elm debuts in Manila with its summer collection. Take your pick from the store's patterned throw pillows, nautical-inspired dinnerware, sea-inspired décor, and outdoor furniture collection as well as soft furnishings. West Elm Philippines also carries products made by local artisan communities like Filipino Capiz Artisans, Filipino Weavers, and Santo Tomas Potters. Visit West Elm at G/L Capitol Commons, Estancia Mall, Pasig City. —KL





## KITCHEN ROYALTY

Take cooking and baking to the next level with Cucina Mobili, a company that offers modular kitchens from premium brands like Dada and ARMANI/Dada, its prestigious line. With the help of *Elle Decoration* magazine, the brand was launched in the Philippines last June 25. "The Philippines, with all its beauty and the people's love for beauty, is the perfect setting for a brand such as Dada. As Filipino cuisine is finally getting its well-deserved recognition globally...it is high time that the artists themselves are given the best in Italian design to complement their artistry in the kitchen," says Roberto Curati, business development manager of Dada. Visit the DADA and Armani/Dada showroom at Unit C, G/L W Building, 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City. —KL



**SILYA, ELEKTRIKA, ATBP.** Looking for home furnishings and décor that are also works of art? Check out the pieces from Silya, Elektrika, Atbp. This Northern-based group of artists and designers use reclaimed wood to create chairs, lamps, and other home accessories. Some of the pieces include a coffee table with casters, "Wood Bridge Bench" with Rustic Metal (in photo), and wooden stools in bright blue and yellow, as well as those topped with interesting typography. Selected Silya, Elektrika, Atbp. pieces are available at Avellana Art Gallery, 2680 F.B. Harrison St., Pasay City, or visit [www.silyaellektrika.ph](http://www.silyaellektrika.ph). —KL

## sneak reads



### SMALL AND CHIC INTERIORS: HOW TO MAKE THE MOST OF MINI-SPACES BY PAGE ONE

Get inspired to live creatively in small spaces that are big on personality. This book shows that muted colors and

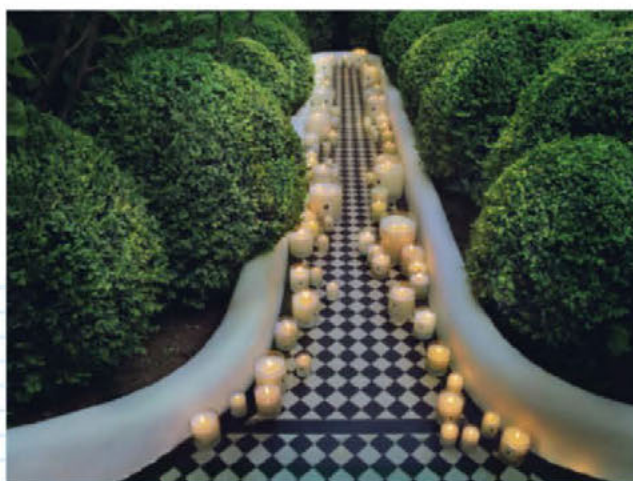
crisp aesthetics, coupled with less possessions, can actually mean more. Along with stunning photographs of small homes are floor plans showcasing the ingenuity of space planning. This is the perfect coffee table book for fans of minimalist living. Available in *Fully Booked*



### HOUSES FOR SMALL SPACES EDITED BY GARY TAKLE

While sprawling abodes with impeccable furnishings can set any homemakers' heart racing, small houses can stand toe-to-toe when it comes to impressive

design. This book showcases the work of award-winning architects and design studios given the task to reinvent and revolutionize what was once considered a limitation in architecture. Learn how these houses became the perfect canvass of their artistic expertise and avant-garde aesthetics. Available in *Fully Booked*



**JO MALONE IN MANILA** British fragrance house Jo Malone London is renowned for its elegant scents, luxurious candles and room diffusers, and indulgent bath and body care. This onetime cult favorite is now a wildly popular fragrance worldwide, with exhilarating scents such as Pomegranate Noir, Peony and Blush Suede, and their signature Lime Basil & Mandarin. Soon, you don't have to go to other countries to get these scents, because the Philippines' first Jo Malone store is slated to open this October 2015 at Greenbelt 5, Ayala Center, Makati City. The store will also have a "Tasting Bar" where customers and guests can experience the scents firsthand. Visit [www.jomalone.com](http://www.jomalone.com) to see their fragrances. —MAF



### NIPPON'S YOUNG DESIGNER AWARD 2015

IMPROVING FUNCTIONALITY, ENHANCING EXPERIENCES, AND TRANSFORMING LIVES IS THE CORE ETHOS OF "DESIGN WITH HEART," THIS YEAR'S THEME FOR THE PHILIPPINES' SECOND NIPPON PAINT YOUNG DESIGNER AWARD. "DESIGN WITH HEART" AIMS TO SPUR YOUNG INTERIOR DESIGN AND ARCHITECTURE STUDENTS TO CREATE ENVIRONMENTS THAT BENEFIT PEOPLE FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE, INCLUDING THE ELDERLY, THE YOUNG, AND THE DISABLED. IT ALSO AIMS TO SHARE A VISION OF AN IDEAL WORKSPACE THAT PROMOTES WORK-LIFE BALANCE, IS ENGAGING AND INNOVATIVE, AND IS ECO-SUSTAINABLE. INTERIOR DESIGN AND ARCHITECTURE STUDENTS FROM 3<sup>RD</sup> TO 5<sup>TH</sup> YEAR FROM AROUND THE PHILIPPINES ARE WELCOME TO JOIN. SUBMISSION OF ENTRIES IS FROM JULY 15 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2015. TO DOWNLOAD THE ENTRY KIT, GO TO [WWW.YOUNGDESIGNERAWARD.PH](http://WWW.YOUNGDESIGNERAWARD.PH). —MAF



### Picture-perfect

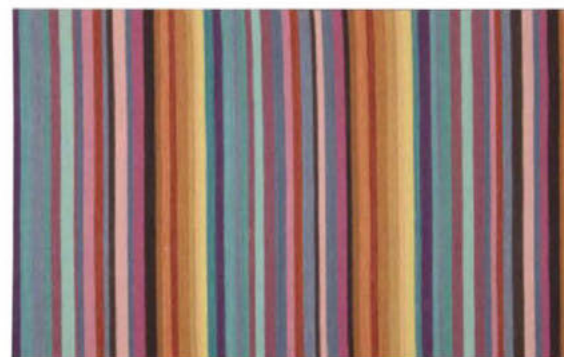
A better, clearer, and more efficient camera is coming your way! Canon just launched its hottest DSLR models: EOS 5DSR and EOS 5DS. Both cameras are equipped with 50.6 megapixels CMOS sensor and a 35mm full-frame, making these the Canon cameras with the highest resolution to date. Additional features include 5fps continuous shooting capability, blur-reducing Mirror Vibration Control System, 61-point high-density autofocus sensor, and Custom Quick Control. These cameras are perfect for studio and still landscape photo shoots, as well as commercial images for large-format printing. For more info, visit [www.canon.com.ph/presscenter](http://www.canon.com.ph/presscenter). —PM





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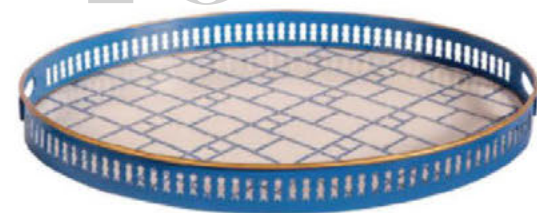
## BEJEWeled

These trendy, **JEWEL-TONED** picks will add opulence to your home



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**1. GAME OF THRONES.** This wing chair looks great contrasted against a brick wall. Wing Chair, price available upon request, Moss Manila Home, tel. (02) 411-0840  
**2. AMETHYST LIGHT.** Hung or placed on a table, this quirky lamp is sure to get attention. Bouche Table Light, P9,400, Dimensione, Bonifacio High Street, Taguig City  
**3. SAPPHIRE SEAT.** Pair this lavish tufted bench with a simple dining table. Tufted Bench, price available upon

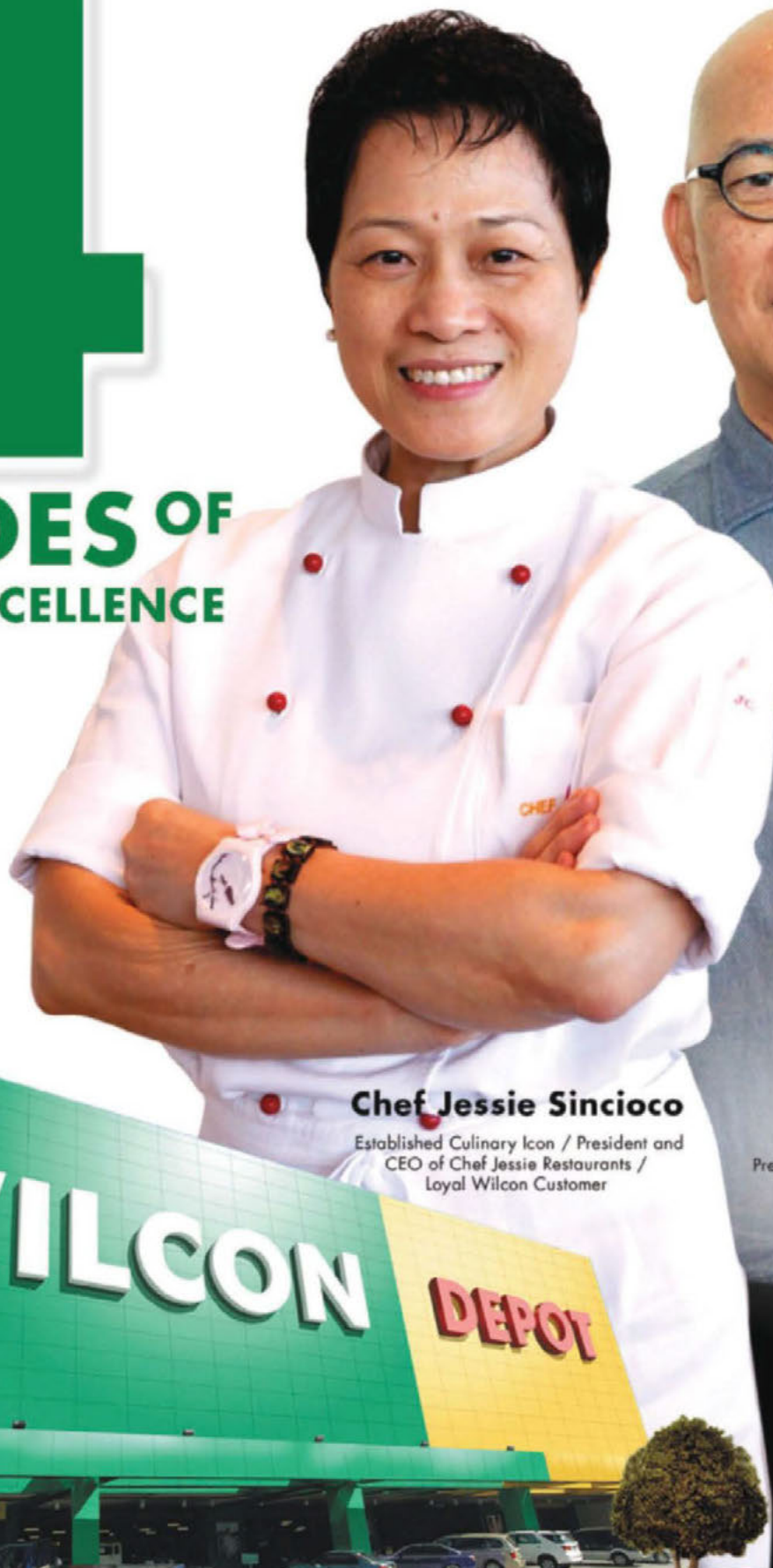
request, Moss Manila Home  
**4. RAINBOW RUN.** Break the grays and whites in your living area with a jewel-toned area rug. Area Rug Alpha Collection, P57,415, Decoliving Manila, [www.decolivingmanila.com](http://www.decolivingmanila.com)  
**5. CRYSTAL GAZING.** Celebrate an occasion with drinks served on these beautiful coasters, or simply lay them out as décor. Agate Coasters, P7,697 per set of 4, Moss Manila Home  
**6. I AM GIANT.** This gorgeous,

giant jar is a statement on its own. Teal Glass Jar, price available upon request, H&M Home, SM Makati  
**7. GREEN LANTERN.** Line series of monochromatic candleholders in different heights for a bold statement. Green Glass Candleholder, P299, H&M Home; Statuesque Pillar, P1,801.80, Moss Manila Home  
**8. EMERALD CITY.** Create a grand living space and arrange your

other furniture pieces with this lush green highboy cabinet as focal point. Cabinet, price available upon request, Moss Manila Home  
**9. TURQUOISE KEEPER.** Store your bedside keepsakes in this fun box. Box with Lid by Jonathan Adler, P5,395, Dimensione  
**10. GILDED EDGE.** Make a nice arrangement of your favorite beauty loot on your vanity. Iron Tray with Modern Toile Pattern, P4,573.80, Moss Manila Home

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## DECADES OF BUILDING EXCELLENCE

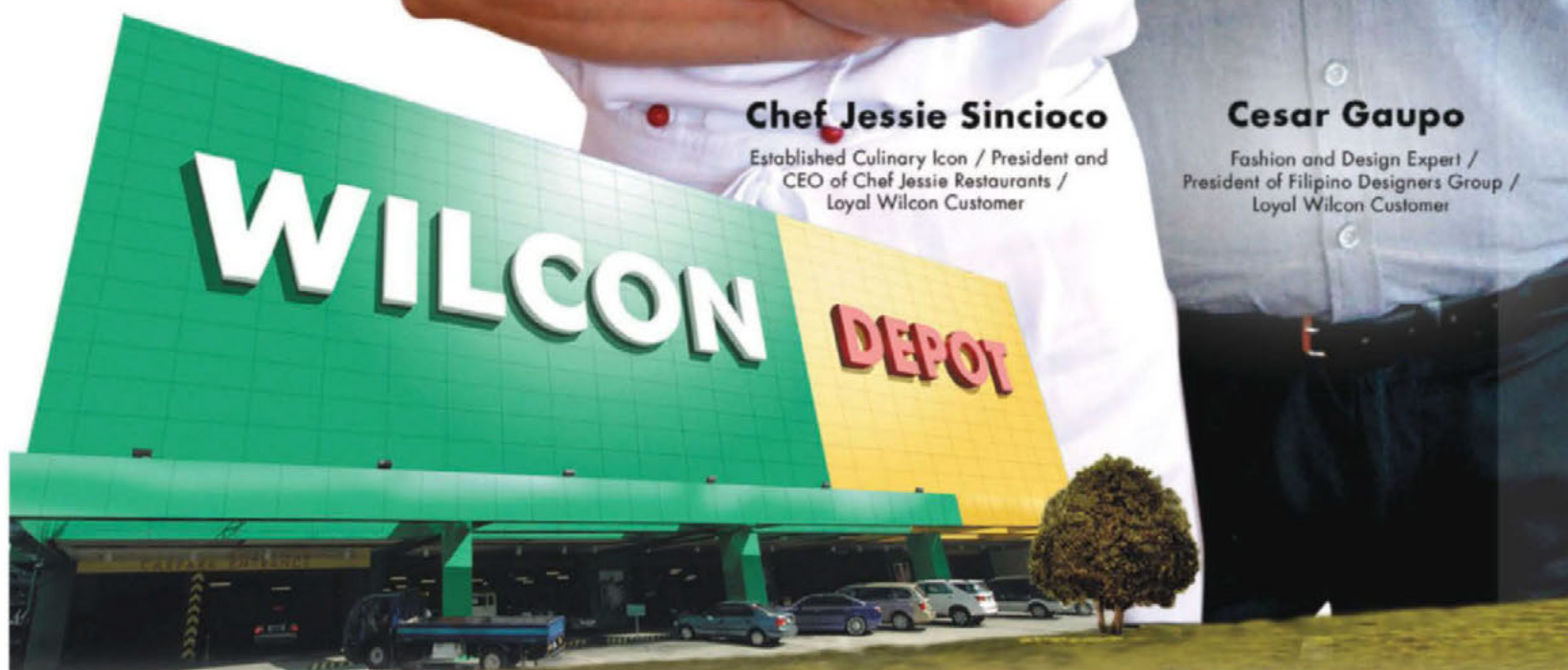


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FURNITURE  
INTO  
YOUR TINY  
HOME?  
TAKE  
YOUR PICK  
FROM OUR  
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SAVING  
PIECES.



words & picks DAGNY MADAMBA, PAULA DE GUZMAN, & TALA SINGSON photography KURT ALVAREZ (main photo, products) & DAIRY DARILAG (products)



**DUAL SEATING.**

Gray Two-seater Sofa,  
P26,850, Dimensione



**GRAY FOLDS.** Gray Sofa  
Bed, P9,995, SM Home

**GENTLEMAN'S CHOICE.**

Contemporary Sofa,  
P25,100, Mandaue Foam

**NICE IN NOIR.**

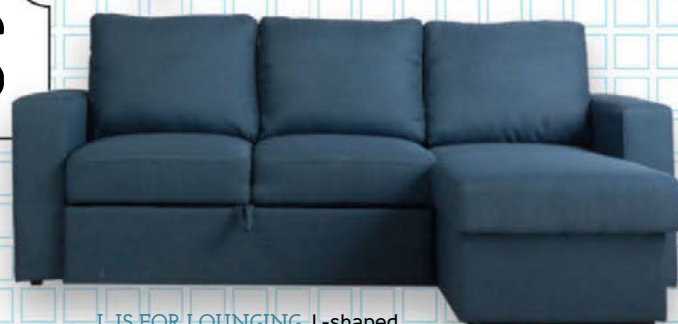
Black  
Tufted Loveseat,  
P10,500, Dimensione

**SEA-COLORED.**

Turquoise Sofa Bed,  
P16,950, SM Home

**HYDE-ING IN**

**PLAIN SIGHT.** Hyde  
Beige Sofa, P13,100,  
Mandaue Foam

**SOFAS**

**L IS FOR LOUNGING.** L-shaped  
Sofa Bed, P19,200, Mandaue Foam

**PERFECT CUBES.**

Knopparp Two  
Seater Sofa,  
P7,280, Möbler

**NEUTRAL  
TERRITORY**

Calla  
Two-seater  
Two-tone,  
P12,400,  
Mandaue  
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**SLEEP IN  
SOFTNESS.**

Grey Tufted  
Sofa Bed,  
P20,950,  
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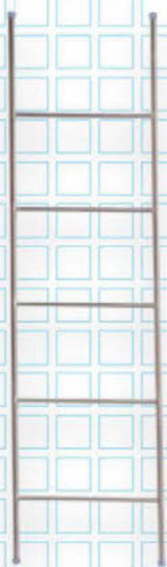
**TIP**

A SOFA IS ONE OF THE FIRST AND CRUCIAL PIECES YOU SHOULD BUY FOR YOUR HOME. ALWAYS DOUBLE-CHECK THE DIMENSIONS (AND THE DIMENSIONS OF THE BED IF IT'S A SOFA-BED) OF YOUR CHOSEN PIECE SO IT WOULD BE PROPORTIONAL TO YOUR SPACE.





**CUT CORNERS.** Perfekt End Wall Unit, P6,800, Möbler



**CLIMB UP.** Metal Towel Ladder, P3,595, True Value

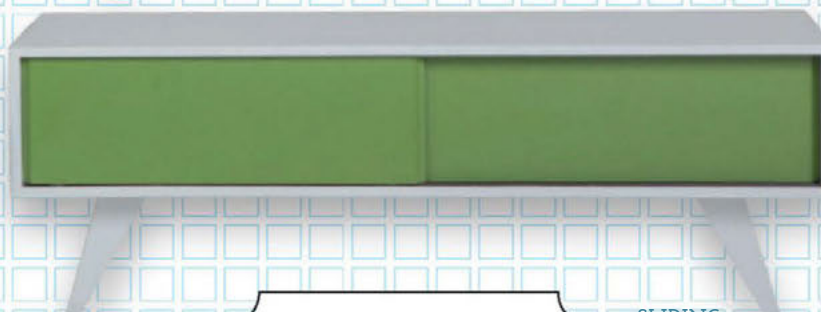
**NO STINKY FEET.** Flint White Shoe Cabinet, P3,995, SM Home



**WORKSPACE WONDER.** Open House Play Basic Shelving System, P41,000, Open House



**ARKI AESTHETIC.** New Trayo Four-tier Gray Shelf, P9,295, Dimensione



**SLIDING DOORS.** Fawzi Entertainment Cabinet, P6,995, SM Home



**TRASH TALK.** Metal Trash Bucket, P1,195, True Value



**QUIRKY HUES.** Plastic Shoe Containers, P329.75 each, True Value

## STORAGE

**NEON LIME.** Green Trolley, P1,250, Mandaue Foam



**MOBILE KITCHEN.** Wooden Kitchen Trolley, P8,995, SM Home

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## TIP

THE BEST WAY TO KEEP A SMALL SPACE TIDY IS TO LIMIT THE QUANTITY OF POSSESSIONS YOU KEEP. MAKE SURE TO PURGE YOUR STUFF ONCE IN A WHILE, AND STORE YOUR ESSENTIALS IN STYLISH CONTAINERS AND DUAL-PURPOSE FURNITURE PIECES.



# MATCH is the go-to place for designers, entrepreneurs and restaurant chains to turn their dream restaurants and retail outlets into a reality

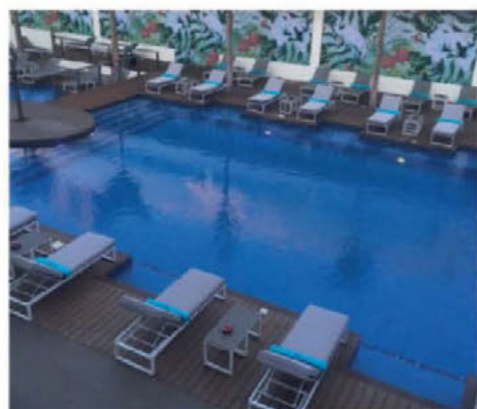
Established in 2013, MATCH has quickly become a popular destination for designers and entrepreneurs in their search for affordable, unique and good quality contract furniture. MATCH primarily supplies contract furniture which involves big volume furniture requirements for hospitality and commercial projects. Aside from keeping ample stocks and being able to meet customers' delivery targets, the company also serves as an extended purchasing arm of their customers. "At Match, we always choose a product with our customers in mind. The product should satisfy all 3 key areas: design, quality and price. We do not choose a product based on design alone since we are dealing with big volume, we also have to consider price affordability on behalf of our customers" according to Cheryl Tan, the General Manager of MATCH. It is always exciting for designers and customers to visit MATCH showroom as there is always something new in store. MATCH carries a wide range of chairs, tables and decorative lights.



Lighting Selection from Match



Chair Selection from Match



Pool Club



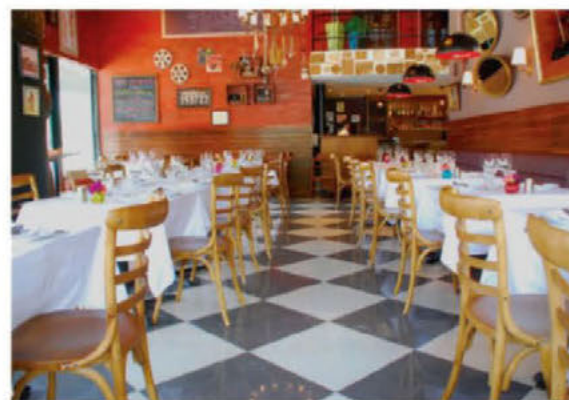
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"We see to it that we provide chairs with different styles from Bistro to Modern Classics to Industrial as today's F&B market is ever changing." For restaurant chains, start-ups and home-owners, you will surely find something from MATCH.

MATCH Contract Furniture is located at 2100 Chino Roces Avenue, Pasong Tamo Extension, Makati City, Philippines. Store Hours: Monday to Saturday 10am to 6pm



The Brewery



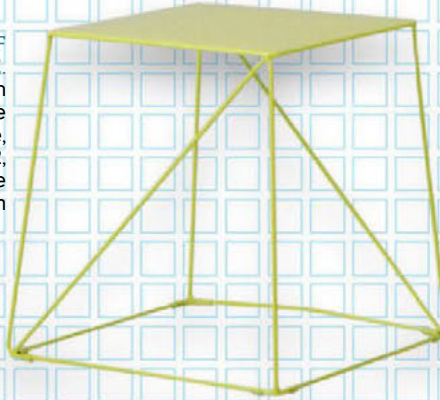
La Cabrera





**PEEK OF YELLOW.**  
Hairpin Table, P16,000,  
Space Encounters

**SLICE OF LIME.**  
Green  
Metal Side  
Table,  
P392,  
Mandaue  
Foam



**ROAD BLOCK.**  
Yellow Side  
Table, P11,950,  
Dimensione

**FOLD IT UP.** Snack  
Tray, P1,195, True Value



**DOUBLE LAYER.** V-60E  
Circular Tier Center  
Table, P10,000,  
Mandaue Foam

**GOLDEN SUNSHINE.**  
Doftrik Tray Table,  
P3,250, Möbler



## SIDE & COFFEE TABLES

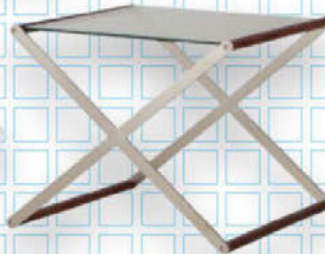


**PRETTY  
POLYGON.**  
Hexagon  
Nesting  
Table,  
P40,803  
per pair,  
Moss  
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**FAIR SURFACE.** White Table,  
price available upon request,  
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**SEE-THROUGH.** White  
Round Side Table,  
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**INTERSECTING LINES.**  
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**TIP** MAXIMIZE THE AREA OF A SIDE TABLE BY ADDING STORAGE SUCH AS BASKETS OR TRAYS UNDERNEATH IT FOR YOUR ITEMS. FOR A PLAIN-LOOKING PIECE, PUTTING A SMALL CLOTH WITH INTERESTING PRINTS WILL MAKE IT LOOK PUT-TOGETHER.



# ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES AWAIT

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**SILHOUETTE PROFILE.** White Chair, P16,500, ID Furniture

**'60S VIBE.** Basket Chair by Gabby Lichauro, P17,000, Open House



**LADY IN RED.** AY-57 Powder Coated Red Chair, P2,200, Mandaue Foam

**WOOD PLANKS.** Shanghay Side Chair, price available upon request, HAY



**GEOMETRIC POP.** Smart Chair, P10,950, Dimensione



**WHITE WASH.** Mezzaluna by E. Murio, P10,600, Open House

## CHAIRS

**T-SQUARE.** Class A Chair, P11,000, Space Encounters



**BACK HOLE.** 8077 Black Whole PP Chair, P1,950, Mandaue Foam



**BUDGET-FRIENDLY.** Adde Stackable Chair, P825, Möbler

**HANG OUT.** Umbra Shift Hanger Chair Coral, P18,950, Dimensione

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**TIP** MIXING AND MATCHING CHAIRS ARE FUN, BUT IF YOU HAVE LIMITED SPACE, GO FOR STACKABLE CHAIRS THAT YOU CAN STORE OR PUSH TO THE SIDE. ANOTHER SPACE-SAVING TRICK IS USING A BENCH INSTEAD OF DINING CHAIRS SO YOU CAN TUCK IT UNDERNEATH THE TABLE WHEN NOT IN USE.



# mabe.

## Innovations that make your life easy.

It was easy to decide on which aircon to buy for my home. I certainly went for the one that made me save a lot. Unlike my old a/c which I had to keep running for 8 hours, my new one could automatically shut off and turn into a fan after 4 hours!

This made me save quite a lot. So every month's end, I find myself thinking... In a year's time, where will I spend my savings best.

Will it be for that Bali trip I've been planning for?

Will it be for a one-time big time shopping-spree?

Will it be for my DREAM WEDDING? No, my boyfriend will take care of that.

Hmm... I spent days thinking about where to spend my aircon savings.

*And then it hit me.*  
It will be my MOM'S AND DAD'S 30TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY next year. It will be nice to give them a really, really nice gift.



**THE AIR CONDITIONER WITH ENERGY-SAVING AIR CIRCULATION TECHNOLOGY (ESAC)**  
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Friday night.  
Work's over.  
And my girlfriends are set to drink til dawn.  
In my flat.  
They take the liberty of loading my ref with beer.  
I fill the ice-maker with water.  
No spills in the ref.

*But out in the patio, everyone is recklessly spilling their secret loves and most hated men.*

The girls are marching back and forth to the beverage center of the ref, wanting to revive every story with a fresh bottle of beer.



**THE IN-GENIOUS, NO-FROST REF**  
It has the features of a side-by-side. With a Smart Station for quick access to beverages and a spill-proof ice maker with a removable water tank filling system.

My sister and her hubby, off they went on a holiday. And I, the good sister, was tasked to care for their kids, ALL THREE OF THEM. Their nanny came along. But still. For two weeks!

I was their mom and their dad. I drove them to school. I fixed their meals. Helped them with homework.

And then at the end of week one, Gasp! A mountain of clothes! Pajamas, school uniforms, and everything else.

So, I shoved 'em all inside my laundry center. Almost 15kg of kiddie clothes. *Spin. Spin. Spin.* Then I moved them into the dryer. Yes, all of them at once. Not even one piece of clothing left waiting.

Whew! No more batch two. Just a simple chore I gladly did for my sweet little nieces.



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**MODERN TRESTLE.** Trion Table, price available upon request, HAY

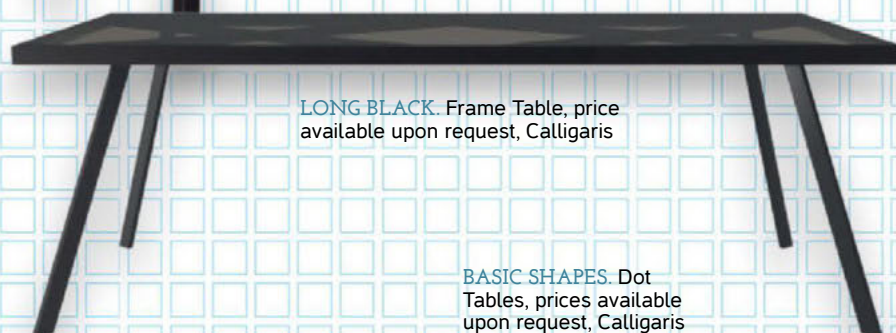
**ARMS UP.** Bjursta Extendable Table, P12,800, Möbler



**COMPLETE SET.** Drop Leaf Table with Stools, P6,995, SM Home



**TALL AND SKINNY.** Loop Stand Round, price available upon request, HAY



**LONG BLACK.** Frame Table, price available upon request, Calligaris

**BASIC SHAPES.** Dot Tables, prices available upon request, Calligaris

## DINING TABLES



**IN PAIRS.** Two-seater Lemon Dining Set, P2,900, Mandaue Foam



**COZY NOOK.** Round Four-seater Dining Table, P24,950, SM Home



**CLEVER LEVELS.** Dining Set with Shelves, P10,450, SM Home

**MODEST MEALS.** Four-seater Blue Dining Set, P5,150, Mandaue Foam



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**TIP** IF THERE'S VERY LIMITED SPACE FOR AN ADEQUATELY SIZED DINING TABLE, GO FOR A BAR TABLE INSTEAD. IT CAN STILL FUNCTION AS A DINING NOOK, WORK SURFACE, AND ADDITIONAL COUNTERTOP SPACE. YOU MAY ALSO WANT TO CONSIDER FREESTANDING BAR/COCKTAIL TABLES WITH BARSTOOLS.





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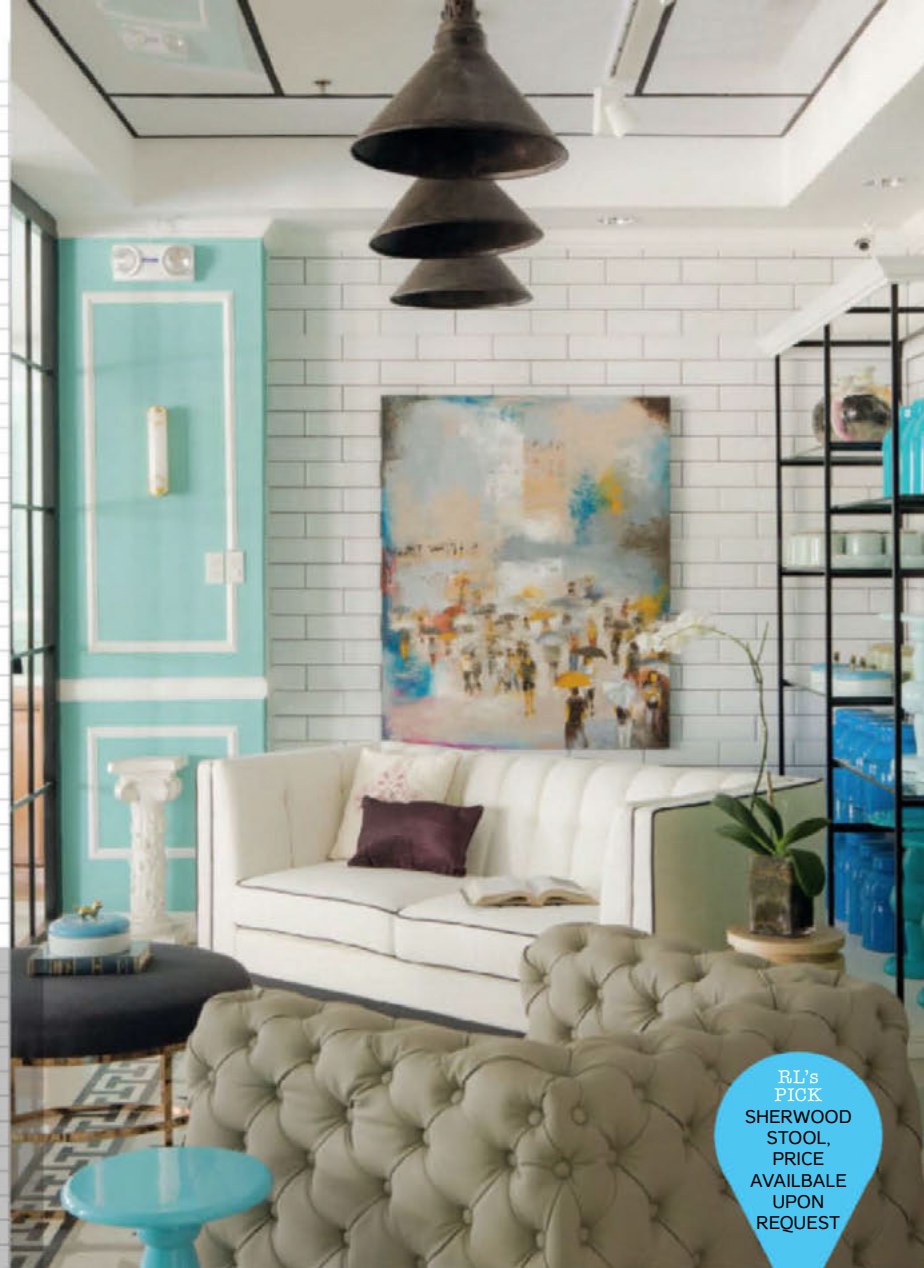
THIS BEAUTIFUL FURNITURE GALLERY OFFERS HOMEOWNERS A LIFESTYLE THAT REFLECTS MODERN LUXURY AND ELEGANCE

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WALK PAST MAGNOLIA RESIDENCES in New Manila, and Dhalton Home is sure to catch your eye with its elegant display of tufted love seats, hand-painted cabinets, and brightly colored vases and stools brought in from as far as Denmark—all set against seafoam-green walls.

An interior designer for almost 10 years, Geoffrey Chua, Dhalton Home's owner and creative director, has always been drawn to the aesthetics of European furniture and its fine craftsmanship, so he decided to offer the same to the local market. "It's not just a furniture shop, but a shop that offers a lifestyle," he says.

Dhalton Home is a local brand, and Geoff handpicks the pieces. These are chosen for their aesthetics, practicality, and suitability to the Filipino setting. "Checking the quality—that takes a lot of time. Before we release items, we really send people to the factory to test it by, let's say, putting a big vase on the sofa or checking the moisture of the wood. We have to make sure that behind the mask of beauty and aesthetics is a very good quality product," adds Geoff.



Comfort is key when it comes to Dhalton Home pieces, like this white Lincoln Sofa and tufted Chester Armchair (prices available upon request). Each vignette in the store gives you an idea on how the pieces can be arranged together, making it easier to visualize the items in your own home.



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Store Hours: Open daily from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

**BUZZ-WORTHY.** Because of their bright colors, the vases made of Paulownia wood and handpainted in Shanghai attract attention from shoppers walking by. The Chester armchair and love seat, along with the

Chatsworth drawers, are among the store's unique offerings.

**PRIVATE VIEWING?** Absolutely allowed. Call the store to schedule an exclusive session with the store's interior designers.

**DESIGN PERKS.** Beyond the beauty and quality of its

products, Dhalton Home offers interior design consultation services to customers at no extra charge.

**LOCAL PROSPECTS.** As of now, only the bed is made by a local furniture manufacturer, but the store plans to offer more homegrown pieces in the future.



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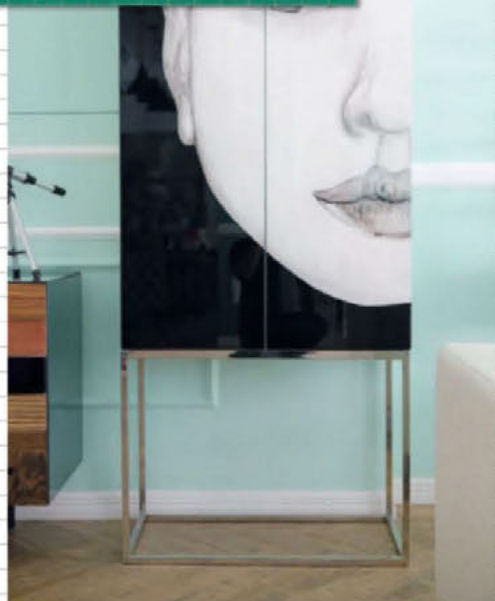
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The premium quality of the furniture pieces is attributed to the fact that these are made using state-of-the-art technology and specialized machinery. In applying lacquer finish, for instance, an infrared lacquer booth is used, adding a well-defined duco-like finish to the product. Also, with materials such as reused wood, technology comes in not to change their character, but to bring out their beauty.

Geoff further explains, "The headboard of the bed is attached using a screw, so you can easily change it if you decide to. And if a homeowner moves to a new place, you can still bring your furniture. We offer that kind of convenience, too."

Do they customize furniture? Geoff says yes for some of their key pieces, but only in terms of fabric and color, which are

meticulously chosen as well. The reason behind this, he explains, is that with customization, furniture tends to lose its purpose and essence. "Our furniture is in its proper height, length, and depth. The danger of customizing, sometimes, is that it's no longer fit for the posture of your body or your reach, as in the case of a low drawer. There are standards in furniture design that are in place so you will feel comfortable. When you sit on a chair, for example, that's exactly how your body should react to the chair," Geoff says.

As to versatility, Dhalton Home pieces can be used even in a modern or contemporary space. "You don't have to buy a set. A few pieces would be good. And the ones you find here—even if it's just a chair or a jar—look different once you place them in your home."



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Running out of ideas for your room? Grab a bowl of popcorn and get inspiration from your favorite movies and TV series to get you out of that decorating slump. Plus, score tips on how to make the dead space under your stairs useful.

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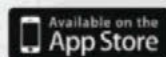
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Have you ever watched something and thought: "I want my home to look like that?" Look to these movies and TV shows not only for their exciting stories, but also for beautifully designed sets that can serve as décor inspiration.

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# MAD MEN

SCREEN STYLE: The swinging '60s

**THE PLOT:** Set in the fictional Sterling Cooper advertising agency, *Mad Men* revolves around Don Draper, its talented creative director, and his colleagues and personal relations. Throughout its seven seasons, the drama series also depicts the evolution of society in the U.S., starting in the 1960s and moving to the 1970s.

As with many period movies and TV shows, *Mad Men* did not fall short in the design department. Don Draper's office, for instance, sports mostly mid-century pieces that are still stylish today.



**DO A REPLAY:** Translate the look of Don Draper's office into your own living room or reading nook. It's not that difficult to copy; just pick out mid-century modern pieces that are known for their simple but striking lines. A perfect go-to store for this is Space Encounters in Ortigas, Pasig City. Pair an armchair with a slim side table, and then add interest by way of accessories in citrus hues. Pull the look together with a patterned area rug in the same color palette. Set the whole style against monochromatic walls. For

more depth, set the vignette against an accent wall, but make sure it's in a subdued shade so as not to contrast harshly with the popping citrus colors.

**MUST-KNOW:** Mid-century modern design emerged during the 1930s through the 1960s. Furniture pieces in this style feature simple geometric shapes and clean lines, with emphasis on function and less on ornamentation.

**BEST FOR:** Starter homes for quirky couples who don't want to go the tropical-modern route

Dark Gray Hektar Floor Lamp, P8,950; Ribba Frame 70x100cm, P1,950; Bild Poster 70x100cm, all from Möbler • Elliot Chair, P19,900; Hair pin Side Table, P16,000, both from Space Encounters • Green and Orange Bird Décor, P2,395 each, Dimensione • Beyond Collection Retro Orange Rug 7'10"x10'10", P36,415, Decoliving Manila



stills from "Mad Men" TV series by AMC Studios





## THE GREAT GATSBY

SCREEN STYLE: Glitz & glamour

**THE PLOT:** Millionaire Jay Gatsby is bent on getting back the love of his life, Daisy Buchanan, after years of separation. In an attempt to do so, he throws lavish parties at his mansion in the hopes of attracting the attention of Daisy. He did, but the rest is tragedy set against the decadence of the 1920s Flapper era. The film is praised for its grandiose production setups, and that's no surprise. Imagine cascading chandeliers, a grand staircase, flowing drapes, and floor-to-ceiling arched windows in a manor that overlooks a bay. The place is, indeed, made for over-the-top entertaining. No wonder Gatsby's guests—officially invited or not—keep coming back night after night.

**DO A REPLAY:** Take home the extravagance of Gatsby's mansion by going for cool jewel tones—walls in teal blue, a patterned rug in lapis, and dark furniture gilded in gold. A few metallic pieces, like vases, add more to the luxe feel, while a handful of plush pillows keep things cozy. And for a more dramatic appeal, throw in ornate candelabra plus a few more candle holders.

**TIP:** To temper this setup and make it friendlier for everyday use, keep things practical. Set aside the candelabra and just go for one or two candleholders as table toppers, then add a tufted stool for a cozy ambience.

**BEST FOR:** A woman of the world who likes a bit of luxury at home

*Small Console Table with Drawers, P16,000; D+M Gold Orchidpot, P1,798; Marble Top Side Table, P16,950; Seletti Glass Atomizer, P3,080 each, all from Dimensione • Tea Warmer, P27,000; Candelabra (7 candles), P36,000; Needlepoint Pillow, P3,480; Sundial in Stand, P3,780, all from AC+632 • Pillow Case, P499; Candle Holder, P1,690; Tray, P1,190; Gold Lantern, P899, all from H&M Home • Marble Urn, P179.75, SM Home • Maze Collection MAZ020, 7'9"x10'10" rug, P59,415, Decoliving Manila*



# SUITS

SCREEN STYLE: Sleek & serious

**THE PLOT:** This TV series is equal parts drama, comedy, and suave. The characters are always well dressed (corporate, yes, but definitely not boring), and so are their fictional homes. Take for example the show's hotshot lawyer, Harvey Specter. One look at his apartment, and you'll know immediately that a highly paid lawyer who isn't fond of losing cases lives there. The expansive

space overlooks New York City, and is furnished with sleek, modern pieces. Chairs in plush leather, tables and counters in elegant finish, no-frills accessories—all in a neutral palette set against an airy, light-filled space. It's a home that spells serious business, but at the same time, it also tells you to kick back once in a while and swig a few glasses of scotch after a hard day's work.

*Dining Table, Dining Chairs, Buffet Table, Mirror with Shelves, Lounge Chair, prices available upon request, Calligaris • Bouche Blue Table Lamp, P9,300; Black Table Lamp, P6,295; Umbra Suspent Floating Mantel Clock, P5,400, all from Dimensione • Orange Tray, P2,480, AC+632*

**DO A REPLAY:** The key to copying this sleek style is to get pieces that sport modern, clean lines in smooth finish. Cabinets in ducco finish, tables with slim metal legs, seating pieces in plain leather (no tufting here!), and floor lamps in brushed steel keep things smart and straightforward. Also, stick to a muted color palette: try dark browns, grays, and whites.

**BEST FOR:** A career-driven single guy (or even lady!) who lives in a central business district

**tip:** If you find this style too "stiff," add a few splashes of color in small doses. For more character, you may also add a handful of quirky pieces (Dimensione has a good selection).



stills from "Suits" TV series by USA Network, distributed by NBC Universal, setup shot on location at Calligaris



# PRETTY LITTLE LIARS

SCREEN STYLE: Dainty drama

**THE PLOT:** This series is not your average teen TV show that showcases characters dressed to the nines. It's a mystery-thriller that revolves around the lives of four girls—Spencer Hastings, Hanna Marin, Aria Montgomery, and Emily Field—haunted by the mystery of a friend who died. The plot, of course, is riddled with twists and turns.

Storyline aside, the rooms of the four lead characters are great inspirations for your own room (or your teen daughter's). Spencer's, for instance, is dressed in a pretty contemporary French provincial style: four-post bed draped with sheer canopy, dainty wallpaper and bed linen, and vintage pieces that all evoke romance without being too saccharine.

**DO A REPLAY:** Achieve the look of Spencer's room with dainty details, but remember not to overdo it. For instance, dress your bed (it doesn't have to be a four-post bed) with linen in toile de jay print, then add pillows that sport similar design. A vanity dresser in a classic silhouette completes the setup. To keep it clutter-free, use glass jars to corral small beauty products and accessories.

**BEST FOR:** A girl who's transitioning from her tweens to her teens



**tip:** Keep this look from becoming overly sweet by going for subdued feminine colors like old rose and aegan blue. Pastel colors will make your room look too juvenile, unless of course that's your intention.

Harry King Bed, P91,000; Sitti Vanity Table, P37,000; Wall Padding, P47,780; Thalia Ottoman, P14,100, all from Home Matters • Gold Tiffany Chair, P5,295, Dimensione • Queen-size Duvet Cover with 2 pillow covers P1,000; 90 x 120 Rug, P1,190; Pillow Case (Pink), P150; Purple Bottle, P200, all from H&M Home





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Make use of the vacant spot under the stairs and modify it into a workspace. A simple desk, a comfortable chair, and shelving are all you need. Use the bulk of the gap for the desk, and install floating ledges for extra storage. Explore different compositions to achieve the best "customized" fit, and don't forget to inject style. Avoid installing anything directly underneath the

stair steps. If you have to, attach objects to the stair rail instead.

**TIP** Try installing eye-catching wallpaper on the wall behind the desk. It's fairly inexpensive given the small area, but it can add a vibrant accent to the small space.

*Ital Leisure Chair, P11,950, Our Home*

*Gavin Writing Desk, P14,950, Our Home*

*Tripod Desk Lamp, P18,000, Edition Lifestyle*



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### POWDER ROOM

The small space under the stairs is perfect for a powder room. It's actually possible to squeeze in a water closet and a vanity into a three-and-half-square-meter area with workable clearances. In a powder room, there is less clutter than in a full bath, but necessary storage spots must be strategically placed. Be conscious of the headroom, too—minimum headroom should be about

1.6m by the water closet.

Try fitting a few baskets to store hand towels and toilet paper.

**TIP** A stool can provide additional surface if there's no place for a built-in storage or a countertop.

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of your ceiling line. Style your shelf with art pieces and sculptural décor to craft a nice landscape of form and function.

**TIP** A beautiful rug can define your reading nook and will lend a cozier atmosphere.

*Bludot Stilt Floor Lamp, P29,500, CARL by Living Space*

*Ladder Bookcase, P4,400, Mandaue Foam*

*Raw.tura x Progress Anouk Armchair, price available upon request, Raw.tura*



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## LINEN STORAGE

The bit of room underneath the stairs can be dedicated to a built-in or freestanding linen closet. Keep in mind that the linen closet will keep more than just sheets and towels—it will likely become a catchall for anything bed- and bath-related. Go for an enclosed cabinet with adjustable shelves so it can change along with your needs, and add bins to corral everything.

**TIP** Keep your frequently used items like towels and bed sheets accessible: up front and at eye level

*Oval Fabric Bins, P329.75 (small), P449.75 (large), both from SM Home*

*Linen Napkins, prices available upon request, H&M Home*

*Bath Towels, P599 each, H&M Home*



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## PET CENTER

Pets need their own space just like any other member of the family. Assigning them a spot also makes it easier to keep your pet's belongings tidy and accessible. Transform the dead space underneath the stairs into a pet center where they can have their meals in peace and take their naps away from foot traffic. It's also a place where you can keep dry food fresh and store pet toys and other pet bath essentials.

**TIP** Drill a couple of hooks for leashes, transfer food and treats into identical airtight containers, and place travel bags in dust bags.

*Banana Leaf Three-story Hideaway, P8,860, Hobbes & Landes*

*Dogit Gumi Chew & Clean Toy Bone, P990, Hobbes & Landes*

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# Hybrid lamp

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## MATERIALS

- \* Old table lamp
- \* Light bulb receptacle
- \* Old car lamp

## RE-DO IT

1. Remove existing old lampshade and harp.
2. Replace the old bulb receptacle and socket with a new one (available at any hardware store).
3. Install the old car lamp onto the receptacle. It's totally okay if the car lamp doesn't really match the base—this adds to its charm.

## TIP

You can also paint the lamp with enamel or acrylic spray in a bright color.

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This issue, we bring you spaces of all shapes and sizes—from an experimental 17-sqm to a three-bedroom family bungalow. Read how different homeowners got around their respective decorating and space limitations and managed to create fabulous homes. With these stories, you'll be inspired to think outside the box.



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A thin curtain separates homeowner Albert and Tanya Salazar's sleeping area, which consists of an elevated bed with storage for shoes and luggage underneath. A two-step staircase on one side brings you to the full-sized bed. On occasion, when an extra lounging area for guests is needed, a quilted hammock from Hanoi is simply hooked onto the wall.



# COMPACT & COZY

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A burlap Chesterfield sofa from Urban Abode (CW Home Depot Ortigas, Pasig City) anchors the living area. Dramatic lighting is courtesy of two hanging mason jar lamps, which Albert made himself. "Perfect spot 'yan for us, especially at night. The brick wall really gives a warm, homey feeling," he says.

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**OPEN SECRET.** In customizing this industrial-type shelving unit, Albert and Tanya made sure they can tuck everything in, hence, the abaca baskets and rolling shelves at the bottom. “The shelves have wheels so they are easy to clean, and also, we can change it when we want to,” Tanya says.

**T**wo years ago, when Albert and Tanya Salazar bought their 32.5-sqm unit during its pre-selling period, they already had an idea on what to do with the place. In fact, Albert had put everything down on Photoshop, and even submitted it to the developer as part of the requirements.

Save for a few details, which couldn’t be done due to the building’s guidelines on construction, the place looks exactly as it did in the drawing. The couple decided not to hire a contractor to do the job, and went on to do everything themselves.

“One reason was the budget. We didn’t want to spend so much,” admits Albert, adding that they consider this a transition home until they have children, when they will eventually move to a bigger place. They designed the first condo unit they owned, and were quite impressed with the result. So they decided to do it again. The project that the couple undertook was completed in almost two months.

Being an entrepreneur, Albert’s schedule is flexible, allowing him to oversee the construction. But what he wasn’t prepared for was the amount of legwork it entailed. “*Pinakamahirap yung* purchasing of materials, and also *yung paggawa ng* gate pass and

## {INTERIOR TALK}

### TEMPORARY HOMES

Transitional homes are best for newlyweds—until they start having children. Interior designer Tala Singson, RL’s associate stylist, says it’s best to consider asking yourself these questions before splurging on your transitional home fixtures:

- 1. “Will I be able to take this with me to my new home?”** Sooner or later, you will be moving out of your transitional home. That’s why it’s best to have less built-in fittings and more freestanding shelves to make it easier for you to move things when that time comes.
- 2. “Will I still want this in the future?”** But just because you’re not planning on staying put doesn’t mean all your stuff should be disposable. It’s also good to invest in the big pieces like mattresses, six-seater sofas, and dining furniture, since

all these will still be useful in your future bigger home.

**3. “Will it give my space a personal touch?”** Transitional homes are often rented out to other people once the owners decide to move to a bigger place. However, it is still advisable to purchase basic fixtures like lighting and accessories that can give your space a homey, personal vibe.

**4. “Will it fit my budget?”** Since it is a home you’re keeping for the time being, it’s important to always keep your expenses in check. It doesn’t mean, however, that quality should be compromised, especially if you plan to rent out your place sometime in the future. For instance, when it comes to wall treatment, it’s better to use paint than wallpaper, since paint serves the same purpose but at a lower cost.  
—Pauline Macaraeg



Without intending to, the couple has accumulated mementos that blended together beautifully once they found their own spot: boxing gloves signed by Manny Pacquiao, a motorcycle helmet from China, and a lighted bar sign which reminds them of Europe. The two-door locker from HMR (Pioneer St, Mandaluyong) and old-school electric fan add a vintage touch.

"IN THE FUTURE, WE PLAN TO RENT THIS OUT, THAT'S WHY IT'S ALSO AN AIRBNB TYPE OF HOME."





This breakfast nook for two is the only thing Albert and Tanya were able to bring from their old condo. The stools are tucked beneath the table when not in use, and the table slides out easily when needed. Built-in shelves around the refrigerator and breakfast nook hold other kitchen and dining essentials.

everything. *Yun ang nakakaubos ng oras.* But I was here every day, attending to every single detail,” Albert recalls.

Married for seven years, Albert and Tanya have traveled to the most exciting places—from Central Europe to Japan and Korea. Much of what they have seen and experienced in these destinations—plus a little help from Pinterest, of course—helped them come up with ideas to make their space unique and personal.

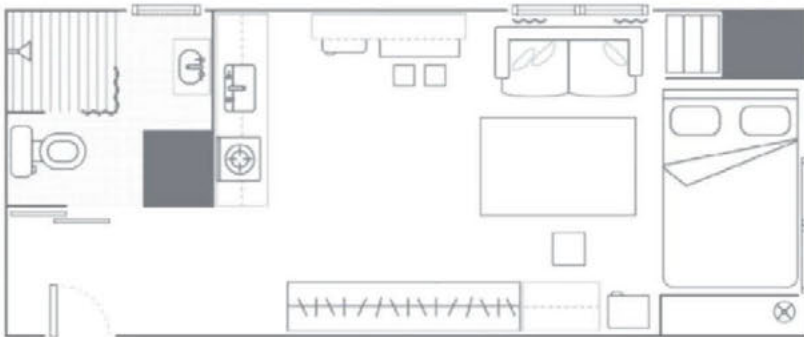
They have yet to visit the United States, but their home is like an urban New York City alley in many ways. For instance, it is one long, straight unit with an open layout. Certain parts of the wall are lined with red bricks, and industrial pipes and wooden planks form the frame of an open closet. The addition of accessories such as bar lights, Albert’s vintage collections, and travel mementos further add to the NYC feel.

When they stayed at an old hotel in London last year, they saw how the use of red bricks and exposed industrial pipes could perhaps work for their condo. Tanya shares they had to shift to lighter hues during actual construction to give the overall look a softer treatment. “*Dun na rin nag-follow yung grain ng wood, kasi sa unang pegs namin, darker yung wood,*” adds Tanya.

The space is perfect for two, with a full-sized bed, a Chesterfield sofa, a small breakfast nook, and a simple kitchen counter that serve the couple’s practical needs. Everything else is either tucked in smart storage spaces or made part of the home décor. “In the future, we plan to rent this out, that’s why it’s also an Airbnb type of home,” Tanya says.

Having shed blood, sweat, and tears to complete their home, it is only right that they beam with pride when friends say that their home looks like a Pinterest “pin.” It just inspires Albert and Tanya even more, and makes the space more meaningful for them. “*Talagang it’s our home kasi pinagpaguran namin,*” Albert ends. **RL**

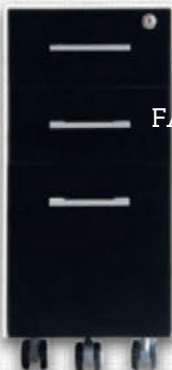
[ FLOOR PLAN ]



## LET’S VAULT IN!

Get industrial with these file- and vault-style storage pieces

**STAYING CLASSY.** This chic pedestal side table can serve two purposes: as an extra storage and as a stylish décor. *Rockworth Storage, P14,695, IDO, 9 Doña Hemady St., New Manila, Quezon City*



FAKE TEXT!



**STACK ‘EM.** Be creative in storing your documents with these trendy storage pieces. *Stackz by Alessandro Zambell for Seletti, P23,600 (pink), P28,000 (blue), both from Dimensione, One Parkade, 7th Ave, Taguig City*

## POCKETS OF SUNSHINE.

Easily brighten up any room with this striking, six-drawer filing cabinet. *Helmer Yellow Filing Cabinet, P4,500, Möbler, 4977 Enrique St., Palanan, Makati City*



## ON A ROLL.

Need to move your stationeries around? That’s not a problem with this classic filing drawer with wheels. *Helmer Storage, P3,995, Möbler*







The kitchen backsplash is made of aluminum metal sheets (easy to install and clean), and cabinet doors are made of steel mesh with abaca ropes as door pulls (definitely inexpensive). Can this kitchen get any clever?

MUCH OF WHAT THE COUPLE HAVE SEEN IN THEIR TRAVELS HELPED MAKE THEIR SPACE UNIQUE AND PERSONAL



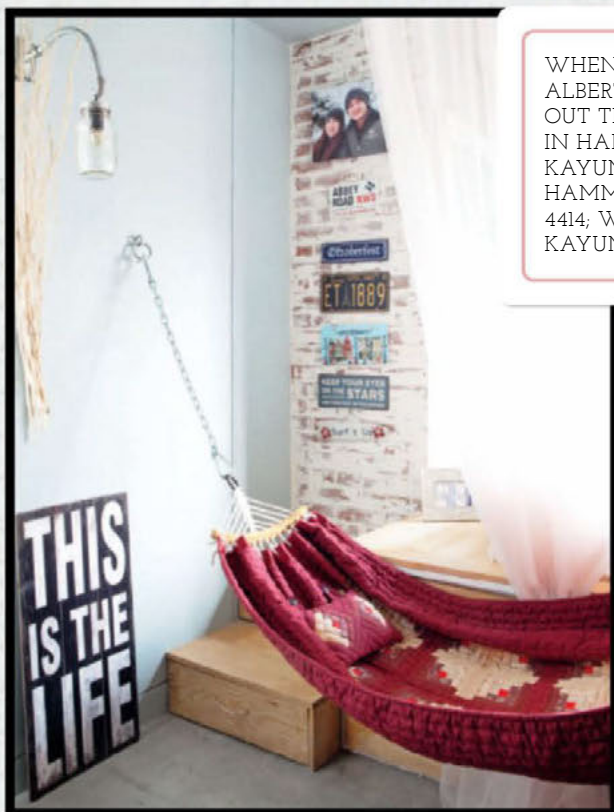
**SIMPLY SLIDE.** This barn door is set a few inches from the wall, leaving space for a framed piece they plan to hang at a later time. You can get barn door hinges at Vintage Hardware (Instagram handle @vintagehardwareph).



## Details



WHEN IN NEED OF EXTRA SEATING, ALBERT AND TANYA JUST WHIP OUT THIS HAMMOCK THEY BOUGHT IN HANOI, VIETNAM. CHECK OUT KAYUMANGEAR FOR A SIMILAR HAMMOCK, MOBILE 0917-842-4414; [WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/KAYUMANGEAR](http://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/KAYUMANGEAR).



- 1. HUNG UP.** Abaca rope in varying lengths suspend these delicate "light bulbs" from an overhead shelf.
- 2. SPACE SMARTS.** Talk about smart use of vertical space: a storage cabinet installed above the hallway conceals small items.
- 3. EXTRA, EXTRA!** Albert found himself with extra wood, industrial pipes, and a mason jar, so he crafted this bedside lamp, which has become a conversation starter among friends who visit.
- 4. KEEN ON KLIEG.** The spotlights shine brightly on the brick wall, the industrial-type closet, and the burlap Chesterfield sofa.

**FROM ANOTHER TIME.** Set against the brick wall is Albert's vintage collection of photography and film equipment and other classic pieces.





**ON THE GO.** Green Doormat, price available upon request, Bo Concept

**GENTLE COMPANIONS.** Canvas Pillow, P1,200, Urban Abode; Typography Pillow, P799.95, Our Home

**TIP** BURLAP UPHOLSTERY OFFSETS THE FORMALITY OF THIS CLASSIC SOFA, GIVING IT A CASUAL VIBE.



**INDUSTRIAL GLOW.** Pendant Lamp, P2,650, Möbler; Facet Pendant Lamps, P8,848, Bo Concept

**CENTER OF ATTENTION.** Addison Burlap Chesterfield Sofa, P35,000, Urban Abode



**TRASH IN.** Ben de Lisi Dust Bin, price available upon request, Debenhams



**TIP** ACCESSORIES IN PRIMARY COLORS ADD CHARACTER AND PERSONALITY TO A NEUTRAL-TONED ROOM.

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**STRONG & LONG.** Makassar Long Coffee Table, P27,000, Komodo Teak Furniture

**STAND TALL.** Shelves, P8,900, Contempo Designs



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# PERSONAL PROJECT

A MOM-BLOGGER COMBINES DIY SKILLS  
AND AN EYE FOR BEAUTIFUL THINGS IN  
SPRUCING UP HER FAMILY'S HOME

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*pictorial direction* **DAGNY MADAMBA & TALA SINGSON**

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*words* **KATHERINE LOPEZ**

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The kids' room is homeowner Helene Santos's DIY baby. Aside from repainting the walls and ceiling herself, she also made the triangle wall stickers that give the illusion of having wallpaper. Helene and husband Vince bought the trundle bed from Vince's parents' neighbor who held a furniture sale before moving to the States. (opposite) Pineapple canisters from [www.seektheuniq.com](http://www.seektheuniq.com) jazz up the dining table.







## {INTERIOR TALK}

### WHEN NOT TO D.I.Y.

It's great to undertake DIY projects at home, especially when working on a tight budget. But some tasks that require special skills are best left to the pros. Here are our experts' take on which tasks should be left to skilled hands:

**1. Repainting a room or the entire house.** "If the space is small, then DIY is an option. Hire a professional if you're painting large-scale areas, especially for outdoors and waterproofing," says interior designer Wilmer Lopez.

**2. Repainting or refinishing a furniture piece.** "Simple cracks or scratches can be done by yourself, as well as changing the color of a chair, which can be a fun weekend task. But for special finishes, a pro is a must," says Wilmer.

**3. Reattaching detached floor tiles.** If it's just one tile, reattach it using tile

glue. "But if you're going to change everything, *kino-compute yun*, so everything has to be aligned. For experts *na yun*," says Dr. Eleanor Maliedem, a former home economics professor at the University of the Philippines-Diliman.

**4. Wallpapering.** "This can be done for small and simple patterns that one can easily match with the next few rolls. For complex patterns for tall and wide walls, hiring a professional is advisable," adds Wilmer.

**5. Repairing roof leaks.** Eleanor says you can repair minor leaks and small holes yourself using sealants and roof paint. However, if you're having a hard time going up the roof, she suggests hiring a pro. When you need to change the ceiling, Eleanor also suggests getting a pro for exact measurement and quotation.

For blogger and stay-at-home mom Helene Santos, DIY was the way to go in decorating her family's home. She and her husband Vince purchased the property from a build-and-sell entrepreneur who already had the whole place renovated. "When we walked in, it felt like home," says Helene.

"We liked it *kasi wala na kaming aayusin. Lalagyan na lang namin ng furniture*," she says. She also planned on repainting the walls, among other minor home improvement projects.

When they moved in, Helene resigned from her job as an account executive in an advertising agency. "So stay-at-home mom *na ako*. I had a lot of time *rin* on my hands. *Tapos*, I said, 'I'll start a blog *din para may magawa ako*,'" says Helene, who writes about lifestyle, food, her experiences, and her DIY projects in her blog MrsMommyHolic ([www.mrsmommyholic.blogspot.com](http://www.mrsmommyholic.blogspot.com)). "Before *pa, mahilig na talaga ako sa mga DIY*, so whatever *na makikita ko na nice, naiisip ko*, 'How can I make it?'" Helene loves browsing other blogs and *Real Living* magazine for inspiration. "I wanted to save money *rin*. I didn't want to spend a lot."

Helene and Vince first had the wall in the dining area painted in navy blue and white stripes. "I was thinking *magandang* accent wall *'yun*," says Helene. But of all the areas in the house, it was the children's room where Helene poured out her DIY smarts. She even repainted the striped ceiling and aqua walls herself! "*Parang adventurous ako here, siyempre pag kids*, colorful, fun. *Tapos wala naman silang masasabi kung ano yung gawin ko. Wala silang choice*," she says with a laugh.

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Helene bought the graphic, eye-catching rug from an Instagram seller. "*Bumibili siya sa Singapore, tapos shini-ship niya dito*," says Helene. Meanwhile, the couches, which were on sale when they bought it at Mandaue Foam, are complemented by a bespoke coffee table and a purple wrought iron side table that Helene spray-painted herself. Dressing up the couch are colorful, patterned throw pillows. "*Weakness ko yung throw pillows*," admits Helene. "*It's a cheap way to change the look of a room. Ang dami kong throw pillows, sa totoo lang*." Find similar throw pillows at Landmark and SM Home.







Helene says the kitchen is the least spruced up area in the house. "*Wala pa kaming stove, kasi lahat hand-me-downs. Actually, kakabili lang namin ng ref,*" says Helene. "*Sabi ko, pag sa future nga, bili tayo ng magandang stove.*" A bar counter separates the kitchen from the dining area and is accented by two pendant lamps. Find similar lamps at Bo Concept, Bonifacio High Street, Taguig City.

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## PINEAPPLE EXPRESS

Add a quirky touch to your spaces with these pineapple-shaped décor

**LET ME SEE.** You won't need a dozen pair of eyes to see if you illuminate your room with this lamp. *Pineapple Lamp, P2,799.75, Kultura Filipino, 3/L SM Aura Premier, Taguig City*



FALSE TEXT!

**WALL WONDER.** Simply hanging this on your wall will perk your space up. *LIAP Wall Art Pineapple, P3,500, Heima*



### CRYSTAL CLEAR.

Take the humble flower vase to the next level with this pineapple-shaped jar. *Pineapple Glass Jar, P88, Saizen, LG/L Robinsons Magnolia, Doña Hemady St. cor. Aurora Blvd., New Manila, Quezon City*



**TASTE OF SUMMER.** Every day is a sunny day when you see this cheery piece. *LIAP Pineapple Canister, P1,100, Heima, www.heimastore.com*



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Helene and Vince had the dining table custom-made. "Good decision *din na nagpagawa muna kami* instead of buying *yung mga mahal kasi yung kids, sa gulo nila, nasisira nila yung stuff. Ang daming sulat, tapos nabubump nila ng toys nila. Tama lang na ganyan. Hindi ako magagalit* if they write on it, or if *may scratches* or what," says Helene. Helene created a symmetrical vignette on top of the bespoke buffet table. The two identical white table lamps are from Regalong Pambahay (check out their outlet store on Pioneer St., Mandaluyong City), while the two vases are Helene's DIY projects made of faux flowers and unused jewelry beads. A black sunburst mirror serves as the focal point.





## ABOUT HER D.I.Y. PROJECTS: “I WANTED TO SAVE MONEY BUT, I DIDN'T WANT TO SPEND A LOT.”

All the other areas in the house show Helene's eye for beautiful but affordable pieces, and of course, her DIY skills. In the foyer, a slim shoe rack from Mandaue Foam also functions as a console where quirky knickknacks are displayed. Next to the foyer is the living area, where a graphic, black-and-white area rug steals the show. A mix of custom-made, DIY, and home store finds is also found in the space.

The same mix also characterizes the dining area. Helene had the dining table and buffet table custom-made, while the black dining chairs were store-bought. Colorful accessories make the space playful, while the striped wall instantly grabs attention.

In the master bedroom, however, the color scheme shifts to black-and-white—a neutral palette that both she and her husband can enjoy. Wall decals, which Helene bought even before they moved in to this house, spruce up the wall. A tufted headboard cozies up the bed, while the pillows with various graphic prints keep it from looking drab and plain.

Helene also put much thought in fixing up the guest room. Colorful bed linen from Urban Outfitters dress up the single-size bed. She also made a DIY sunburst mirror out of *cartolina* paper and hung it on the wall to become the focal point in the room.

Taking the whole decorating process into her own hands makes Helene happy and proud. “You can be creative without spending so much, especially now that there are so many blogs and design inspirations. There are many ways to get inspired,” she says. And with several home improvement projects lined up in her mind, this mom of three surely never runs out of inspiration. **RL**



Kiddie chairs and table furnish a corner of Miley and Sabre's room, thus creating a spot for the kids to read, write, play, and lounge around in. A low bookshelf keeps Miley and Sabre's toys and books organized.



Helene says the bed frame they originally had for the bedroom broke when the kids kept jumping on it. They replaced it with a new one and complemented it with a tufted headboard “*kasi lagi silang* [kids] *nauuntog*,” she says. Get a similar bed like this from Our Home at SM Megamall. Wall decals keep the walls from looking plain. On Helene’s bedside are her books, while on Vince’s, a small globe, suitcase, and a plane—all allude to his job as a pilot.







**FAMILY PORTRAIT** Helene used profile-view snapshots of her family members to create the most charming family "silhouette portraits." She also updates the silhouettes of her children as they grow up. Learn how to do it in her blog [www.mrsmommyholic.blogspot.com](http://www.mrsmommyholic.blogspot.com).



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## Details

**1 WINDOW SEAT.** A cushioned, built-in bench by the window makes for a cozy reading spot. Find similar throw pillows at Landmark and SM Home.

**2 DOLL FANCY.** Helene got these Matryoshka dolls from a trip to Singapore. "Nakyutan ako sa kanya," she says, adding that she likes to buy whatever she finds adorable.

**3 BOOK LOVE.** Coffee table books make for an interesting vignette on the buffet table at the dining area. Find a similar owl décor at Cave ([enclavesix@gmail.com](mailto:enclavesix@gmail.com)).

**4 AROUND THE WORLD.** Travel-inspired accessories are displayed on the purple side table in the living area.

**HAVE A SEAT.** AN UPHOLSTERED CHAIR ON ONE CORNER OF THE MASTER BEDROOM CREATES A SPOT FOR READING AND LOUNGING. HELENE SCORED THE CARDBOARD DEER HEAD AT URBAN OUTFITTERS. FIND SIMILAR AT AC+632, 2/L GREENBELT 5, MAKATI CITY.





**CULTURAL MIX.** Moroccan Menara Pillow, Peruvian Lima Pillow, P550 each, both from The Olive Tree

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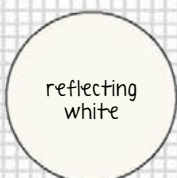


**OLD PLACES.** Sepia  
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### { COLOR PALETTE }





# HOME IN A NEW CITY

**AN  
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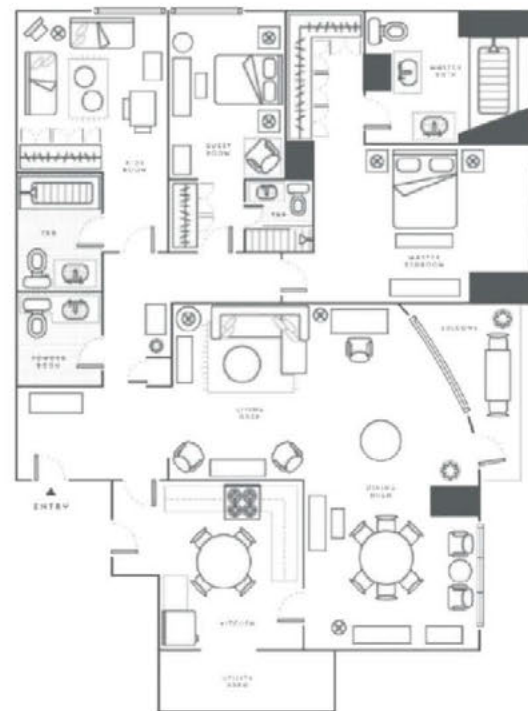
"I like having people over, but I can't cook," says homeowner Daniel Lamb. "So I wanted to have a dining space with comfortable seating where people can sit and lounge, even if we're just having take out." The six-seater dining table and the overhead lights were custom-made by Urban Abode ([www.urbanabodemanila.com](http://www.urbanabodemanila.com)). Daniel had the dining seats also custom-made prior to hiring the services of interior designers Dagny Madamba and Tala Singson, while the freestanding bar is from Crate & Barrel.







[ FLOOR PLAN ]



**LEFT** Daniel had this buffet table custom-made together with the dining chairs. He also chose the floor lamp and the Mandala artwork that accents this vignette. **BOTTOM** “Originally, I bought another desk, and it just wasn’t big enough,” recalls Daniel, who works from home at least once a week. Replacing that old desk is Daniel’s previous dining table (which proved to be quite small relative to his dining chairs.) Keeping the nook conducive to telecommuting is a desk lamp from Möbler, while accessories from Dapitan Arcade and Regalong Pambahay keep it from looking too formal.

**I**t wasn’t Daniel Lamb’s initial intention to make a home for himself in Metro Manila. Planning to stay in the country for only a short while, he decided, instead, to do the same as most expats: rent a fully furnished apartment.

“I was on a six-month contract when I first came to the Philippines,” recalls the 31-year-old general manager for Telstra, Australia’s largest telecommunications and media company. “So I really just wanted a place to sleep when I come home after a hard day’s work.”

But once presented with the opportunity to extend his stay in Manila for two more years, Daniel’s priorities swiftly changed, and he decided it was time to settle in for this next chapter of his life in a more comfortable home.

“I liked the look of the place I had before, but after living there for a while, I realized it just didn’t feel like me,” reveals Daniel. “I just wanted my own things around, pieces that are my taste and furniture and accessories that make me feel like I was at home.”


Right after renting an unfurnished 240-sqm condo in Makati, Daniel started picturing the look and feel of his new home. The reality television aficionado’s peg: Bruce (now Caitlyn—Ed.) and Kris Jenner’s sophisticated and Hampton-style home in California, as seen on *Keeping Up With The Kardashians*.

“I really like the way the home feels so comfortable, but still has a glam look to it,” declares Daniel, who has an earnest appreciation for the Kardashian-Jenner mansion’s black, white,



illustration RIAN BAUTISTA





The living area used to look flat and bare, so designers Dagny Madamba and Tala Singson added more elements to the space. To add height, the designers came up with a gallery wall and incorporated a sleek shelf from Möbler in one corner. Injecting more character to this area are throw pillows from SM Home, Robinsons Department Store, and Mandaue Foam, and a sisal rug from Pottery Barn.

"I REALLY LIKE THE WAY THE HOME FEELS SO COMFORTABLE, BUT STILL HAS A GLAM LOOK TO IT."





Daniel's favorite space is the one he least expected to love. "I wanted to make sure that I had a space that was going to be good as a nursery and kid's room," he says. "I had some friends with young children stay over," recalls Daniel, "And the kids were like 'This is the best room I've ever stayed in!' We tried to get them down to the pool, and all they wanted to do was play in the room. It felt good to see the space being used." But while this very colorful room is primarily for kids, adult friends of Daniel who want to stay over can also use it as a guest room.



## {INTERIOR TALK}

**TRYING OUT BRIGHT COLORS** Color is one of the most personal choices you can make for your home. But just because you're not a big fan of bright, bold hues doesn't mean you can't add visual interest to your space. Here are easy ways to inject pops of color to your rooms without scaring the color-phobic in you.

**1. Use a bright hue as an accent.** "Pick one bold color—something you can live with for a long time—then use it as an accent paired with neutral colors. This way, you won't feel overwhelmed with too many colors or end up with a bare-looking room," says Ivy Tablante-Darilag, principal architect of Structura Architects.

**2. Choose an overall palette.** "Try one color, then use various shades and tones of it in different rooms of the house," suggests

Hannah Acab-Faustino, principal designer of IDEAL Interior Design Services.

**3. Keep it simple.** "Don't overdo your design. Instead, choose your wall colors from the fabrics you want to use in the room—whether it's on the pillows or on a chair that has an interesting pattern or print," says Hannah.

**4. Play with texture and materials.** "Use a variety of materials such as wood, metal, stone, or cement. The natural color and texture of these materials will serve as the accent in an all-white or neutral room," says Alyssa Amanda Valenton, co-founder and principal interior designer at Créatif Interior.

**5. Combine patterns.** "A black-and-white room will look great if patterns are properly used and beautifully mixed and matched," adds Amanda. —Anna Felipe

## YOUNG 'UNS

Here are one-of-a-kind picks for your child's room

### DOODLE STOOLS.

Update a generic table set with designer kiddie stools. Stools by Googoo and Gaga, P5,000 each, Heima Design Café, [www.heimastore.com](http://www.heimastore.com)



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**STICK TOCK.** Wall stickers are a fun and affordable way to change a room's look. Decorative Wall Stickers, prices upon request, H&M Home, SM Makati



### NO NIGHT

**FRIGHTS.** This superhero lamp will keep your child from having nightmares. Batman Transform Freak Lamp, P980, Color and Life, SM Megamall



**WOODEN WONDERS.** These clever wooden toys are better than a tablet. Wooden Toys, P1,995 each, Dimensione, tel. (02) 856-6756







## THE DESIGNERS TAUGHT DANIEL, A SELF-CONFESSED COLOR-PHOBE, TO SEE HIS HOME AS MORE THAN JUST BLACK AND WHITE

and gray color scheme, the grand vision of interior designer Jeff Andrews. “Even though it’s so well-designed, there are beautiful items throughout the home, like personal photos and artworks, so it still feels homey.”

To create his own captivating yet comfortable home, Daniel knew he’d need expert help. So he called upon two up-and-coming interior designers, *Real Living* editors Dagny Madamba and Tala Singson, to help him bring his vision of a modern, sleek, and masculine space to life.

“Being in a foreign country where styles and tastes differ, it was really important to have people to help me navigate through it all,” admits Daniel, who previously styled his own home in Sydney and is currently decorating a vacation home in Australia’s Hunter Valley wine region. “The designers were able to listen to what I wanted, and I was able to show them the things I had bought that just weren’t working. They were able to find the right pieces to fit the space, and they were able to either tell me the places to go to where I can get what I wanted, or they sourced the pieces for me.”

But the designers didn’t just show him where to shop; they also taught Daniel, a self-confessed color-phobe, to see his home as more than just black and white.

“The first time the designers came over, they put some really colorful items, like throw pillows,” remembers Daniel. “They

came back two weeks later, and I’d changed them back to black and white. But gradually, over time, I got more comfortable with color. And we ultimately landed in a place where eighty percent of the home is black, white, and gray. But there are splashes of color, without being too ‘in your face,’ that make the place pop. I really like how those bright items create different areas of visual interest in the space.”

Along with getting Daniel to see his home through rose-colored glasses, Dagny and Tala opened his eyes to ways of filling his sizeable living spaces properly. For instance, they brought in shelving units and a bar to add more depth and height to the otherwise flat unit. Tala and Dagny also created cozy spots, like reading nooks and roundabout seating areas in spaces that used to be bare. These additions made Daniel’s unit more homey and inviting.

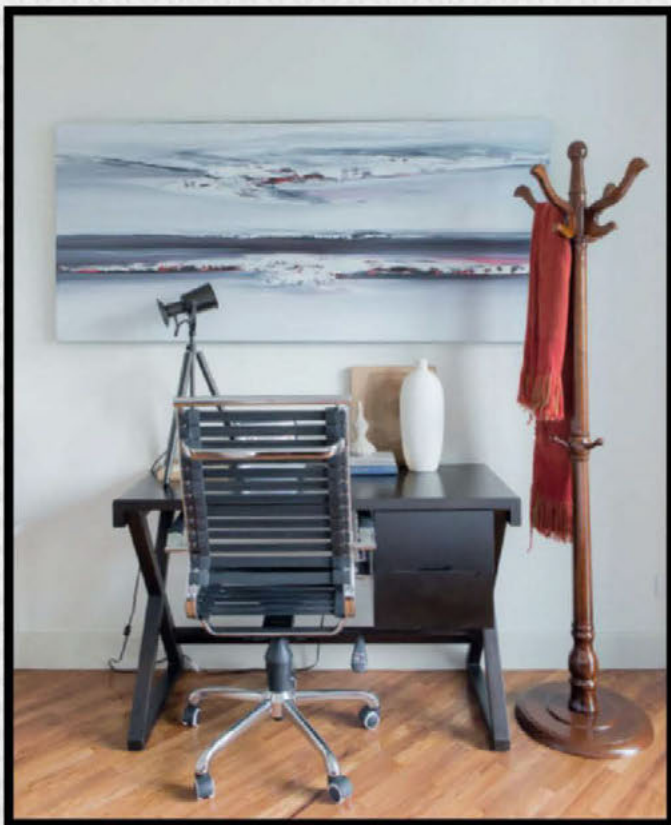
While he admits the space will likely evolve over time “just to spice up the place a bit,” Daniel doesn’t foresee making any major changes to the overall look of the place. “I love it, and I love being here,” exclaims Daniel. “There’s a lot of my stuff in Australia in storage right now that I thought I’d keep forever. But now that I look at this completed place, I’m so comfortable living here... that I just want to pick this place up and move it all back with me.” **RL**





THE WING CHAIRS AND TV CONSOLE WERE CUSTOM-MADE TOGETHER WITH THE DINING CHAIRS, WHILE THE WALLPAPER FROM SHELL CANVAS ADDS A FOCAL POINT. RESTRAINED POPS OF COLOR ARE SEEN IN THE PILLOWS FROM SM HOME.

## Details



This study area in the guest room consists of a seat that was previously in the living area and a desk from Mandaue Foam. Dagny and Tala added a coat rack from Pioneer Center, Mandaluyong City to complete the look.

“Dagny and Tala have taken my personal things and displayed them in a way that’s interesting, like pairing my colorful hard copy books with the paper mâché horse and candles,” says Daniel. “I really like the way it all pops.”





**GREEN STALKS.**  
Faux Plants,  
P699.75, SM Home

**SEEING STRIPES.**  
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Accent Chair,  
P5,995, Our Home

**TRAVELING  
SOLO.** Globe,  
P16,650,  
Dimensione

**HIGH FIVE.** Gallus  
Five-tier Metal Shelf,  
P1,995, SM Home

**LATTICEWORK.** Aris  
Buffet Cabinet, P13,200,  
Mandaue Foam

**TROPHY LIFE.**  
Large Silver Décor,  
P1,299.75; White  
Ceramic Décor,  
P199.75, both from  
SM Home

**HIP AND SQUARE.**  
Square Sofa, price  
available upon  
request, Calligaris

TIP  
BOLD CHAIRS LIKE  
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IN PAIRS ALONG A  
HALLWAY.

## GET THE LOOK OF A BLACK-&-WHITE APARTMENT

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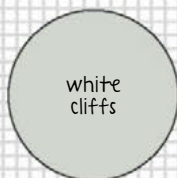
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Urban  
Abode

**CASUAL NAPS.**  
Green Cushion  
Cover, P499.75;  
White Cushion  
Cover, P529.75,  
both from  
SM Home

### { COLOR PALETTE }





# THE SMALLEST HOUSE EVER!

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THIS COMPACT  
17-SQM HOME  
ISN'T ALL ABOUT  
MINIMALISM  
OR BUDGET—IT'S  
ABOUT THE  
SHEER JOY OF  
SMALL SPACES

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**GREG COX/BUREAUX.  
CO.ZA**  
*styling & production*  
**SVEN ALBERDING/  
BUREAUX.CO.ZA**  
*words*  
**NECHAMA BRODIE/  
BUREAUX.CO.ZA**





## {INTERIOR TALK}

**SHOPS FOR SMALL HOMES**

With the proliferation of shoebox-sized row houses and studio condo units, these stores have finally stepped up to offer homeowners attractive space-saving furnishings.

**1. Ergo HOME.** This store is very much like those viral "one-room-turns-into-three" videos! Watch in awe as the Ergo salespeople pull up the platform-style floor in their showroom to reveal beds, closets, and entire living room sets. There's even a cabinet that can be pulled out into a galley-style kitchen—simply amazing! Designers are also on hand to assist you. At 3/L SM Aura Premier, Bonifacio Global City.

**2. EDIA.** Short for "Easy-Does-It-Assembly," this store offers pieces that are perfect for people moving into tiny condos on a short notice, and who cannot be bothered with customization. The furnishings include streamlined closets with trendy glass panels, sofa beds, and modern nesting tables. At 4/L Interior Center, Bldg. B, SM Megamall, Mandaluyong City

**3. SB Furniture.** Almost all the sofas and beds here have Transformers-like arms and bases that open up to reveal hidden cubbies, linen drawers, and appliance outlets. Most of all, we love the coffee tables that can be raised and extended into dining tables. At 3rd floor, Market! Market!, Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City.

Architect Clara da Cruz Almeida's prefabricated Pod-Ildladla unit is designed as the perfect, cost-effective, compact urban or holiday home—and can be adapted to function completely "off the grid." Its timber-clad exterior can be left as raw wood or supplied in any number of colors, allowing it to blend in or stand out from its surroundings. The compact size of the structure means that maintenance or repainting of the lower section of the exterior can be done without scaffolding.







South African architect Clara da Cruz Almeida was trying to come up with practical advice for a recent intern—a former student who had moved back home after graduating, and was now effectively camping in his mother’s garage, using public transport to make his way to a new job in a posh office. The disconnect between this student’s two spaces rankled. “I told him he had to invest in property before buying a car,” Clara says, adding that a car would only depreciate. But, when they started looking at available options, Clara quickly realized that purchasing the usual house-and-lot would be completely beyond her intern’s budget. Determined that he should still be able to “start small, with top-of-the-range facilities” and not have to compromise on aesthetics or design, she proposed a more novel solution: what if he could just purchase a *house*, and negotiate for a lease on land?

Clara’s idea was to create a pre-fabricated, compact housing module: one that can stand alone or be integrated with other units, that can fit into a backyard or side space of an existing house, and which can, on its own, be mortgaged in the same way as a conventional property.

The architect explains this concept: “You bring the house, someone else provides the land, you sign an agreement, and then you can build up your savings until you’re able to buy your own property, or you simply move the house when you’re ready to move. It can be your site office during construction, or it can become a beach house. Or the landowner can buy the house from you and use it for rental accommodation.”

The first requirement was that the finished product would be something her former intern—who inspired the idea, but didn’t see its completion—can afford. “That’s what we called it at first: ‘A House for a Young Graduate,’” Clara says. “Although I thought there would be many other people who would want it: a woman who wants to run her psychoanalysis business from outside her house, people who take on lodgers, or who run backpackers’ accommodations.”

“A House for a Young Graduate” was then renamed “Pod-Idladla,” and the specifications of the design were determined by three factors: first, the “minimal space you need to live; the space you *really* need for things;” second, the size of the boards used to finish the inside of the unit (by using the existing dimensions as a guide, Clara was able to minimize waste); and, finally, transport limitations, as the unit has to be easily transportable.

On a visit to Stockholm, Clara met a landscape architect who had converted a cupboard space into a toilet. As with many older homes, its indoor plumbing was a relatively recent luxury, and it perfectly served a family of four. “I measured it, made a plan... And I have wanted to use that plan since forever,” Clara says.

She also looked at Japanese approaches to living in extremely small spaces. “They have very flexible rooms,” Clara says. “It comes from the sliding wall system—what can be a lounge to one person can be a bedroom to another.



In keeping with the pod design, the wooden deck can be assembled around the house in modules—depending on the available or required external space—in almost any shape. The deck covering is included in the pod’s standard fittings, but if required, the area can also be more enclosed. For added security, roller shutters can be installed above the glass doors that open onto the deck.



The image shows the interior of a tiny house. A central wooden ladder leads up to a mezzanine level where a bed with a patterned blanket is visible. The ground floor features a kitchen with white cabinets and a grey countertop on the right, and a desk area with a wooden desk and a stool on the left. A large potted plant sits on the desk. The floor is made of dark wood planks. A large window at the back provides natural light. The overall design is modern and functional, maximizing vertical space.

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CUSTOMIZE  
THE WAY  
YOU LIVE."

"When you want to make a small footprint, go up," says Clara, "It's more economical that way." The high pitch of the ceiling makes the narrow dimensions of the Pod-Idladla feel relatively spacious—with lines elongated by the ladder leading up to the mezzanine, which is currently used as a sleeping area.





CLARA LOOKED AT JAPANESE APPROACHES TO LIVING IN EXTREMELY SMALL SPACES. "THEY HAVE VERY FLEXIBLE ROOMS."

**LEFT** The pod's compact kitchen has been fully kitted out with a fridge, freezer, dishwasher, two-hob gas stove, and a large "universal sink" that can be used for washing dishes or doing laundry. Facing the kitchen, on the left, the fold-out table can be used at different extensions depending on requirements, either as a full-length dining table, a side table, work surface, or as a coffee table. With the "bottom level" of the kitchen unit allocated to functional workspace, the vertical space above the stove and surfaces is used for storage—including the hanging dishrack on the wall and a thin spice rack. The universal brackets mean storage can be staggered and played with simply by "clipping in" new boxes or brackets to the system.

**OPPOSITE PAGE (TOP)** The bathroom fittings used in the Pod-Idladla were sourced from designs Dokter and Misses' Katy Taplin and Adriaan Hugo used in their own home. These are perfect for the pod's requirements. The powder-coated mirror shelf comes in yellow, black, white, and red, and can also be ordered in custom colors.

**OPPOSITE PAGE (TOP RIGHT & BOTTOM)** With lighting cables no longer hidden, bright orange electric cords become a visual highlight of the house—here lighting a metal memo board, integrated with the universal storage brackets designed by Dokter and Misses. Get similar stools at Space Encounters, F. Ortigas Jr. Road, Ortigas Center, Pasig City. .

## BIN THERE, DONE THAT

These are perfect for small homes. Plus, they can be easily transported.

**MINTY FRESH.** These sweet, seafoam-colored woven bins are perfect for a nautical-themed room. *Fresco Totes*, price upon request, *Crate & Barrel*, *SM Aura*



**INDUSTRIAL STRENGTH.** These sturdy crates remind us of softdrink bottle crates—perfect for a bachelor pad. *Green Plastic Crates*, P300 each, *True Value*



## DRAWN OUT.

This set of drawers offers a more organized take on storage. *Three-drawer organizer*, P1,699.75, *True Value*, [www.truevalue.com.ph](http://www.truevalue.com.ph)



**ORGANIC ZEN.** Woven bins can give modern storage an earthy feel. *Woven Basket*, P2,950, *Muji*, *Greenbelt 3*, *Makati City*





In a tiny house, every space should have dual usage—if not triple!” The Pod-Idladla, therefore, has “spaces, not rooms. You can use the task room to store clothes or keep your sports equipment. You can have an upstairs study if you don’t want to sleep on the mezzanine.”

Even the shower is integrated into the passage space. “Is it logical,” Clara asks, “that a facility you use once a day, for five minutes, should have a room by itself?” The area is fitted with the kind of paneling used on boats so that the timber gets “humid after showering, but not wet,” Clara says.

For the interior design and fittings, Clara approached Katy Taplin and Adriaan Hugo of design company Dokter and Misses. “I love their spirit, their minimalism, their use of materials,” Clara says, describing the duo’s work as “kind of industrial but, at the same time, with a humorous quality.”

With limited floor space, storage solutions were done vertically: Dokter and Misses installed a plywood box system that can be easily moved between spaces using universal brackets. Light fittings were modified to be similarly transferrable—hung from sockets or hooks, and plugged in on the wall. Because the cables were no longer hidden, Adriaan and Katy elected to make them even more visible in a beautiful, bright orange.







By staggering the arrangement of steel brackets, surfaces, and boxes, vertical tiers can be used for storage or display.

THE  
UNDERLYING  
IDEA OF  
THIS POD  
IS TO “LIVE  
SMALLER,  
SPEND LESS  
MONEY,  
AND GO  
OUT MORE  
OFTEN.”

**OPPOSITE PAGE** The porthole window above the bed has a practical function: to provide natural ventilation and offer a view of the night sky when lying in bed. The mezzanine's two-side windows allow one to view both sunrise and sunset from the bed.

“Moving things around lets you customize the way you live,” says Katy. “Because it’s such a small space, you really have to customize it to your own specifications. You also don’t have the luxury of saying, ‘This is an office, and it’s always an office.’ Sometimes it’s a laundry, sometimes it’s a spare room.”

The furniture, too, were developed with dual purpose. The dining room table can be used fully extended as a sideboard or as a coffee table. The couch can be folded into a cube-like ottoman, a lounge chair, or pushed together with another unit, transformed into a small mattress or a full-sized couch. “It’s a pretty basic thing,” says Adrian, “It’s the proportions that make it work. It’s big enough for one person, but it also folds up and can be stored neatly against a wall.” The key, says Katy, was to ensure that dual purpose also meant ease of use. “I don’t want to sit with something that does 10 million things,

but I’ve got to do a lot of work to use those things. If a product takes too much effort to change, you’ll just leave it the same all the time. You have to make sure you actually *want* to use an item in all the ways it’s designed for.”

For Clara, the next challenge—aside from a slight redesign to the ladder, which, she admits, is “a bit wobbly”—is to finalize local production and to look at ways of making the pod more thermally responsive so that it is adaptable to different climactic zones. “None of the skin, as we have it at the moment, is using a thermal mass material.” But, she says, there are several ways to cope with that through installing water tanks or having a rock bed below the base; or, in other conditions, working with extra screens above specific aspects of the unit. The underlying idea, however, is not to spend all of one’s time at home but to “live smaller, spend less money, and go out more often.” **RL**



"Windows are about what you want to see," says architect Clara da Cruz Almeida. "The big, round window allows you to see the sky".





**INSTA LIGHT.** Wall sockets throughout the house allow for portable lighting solutions.

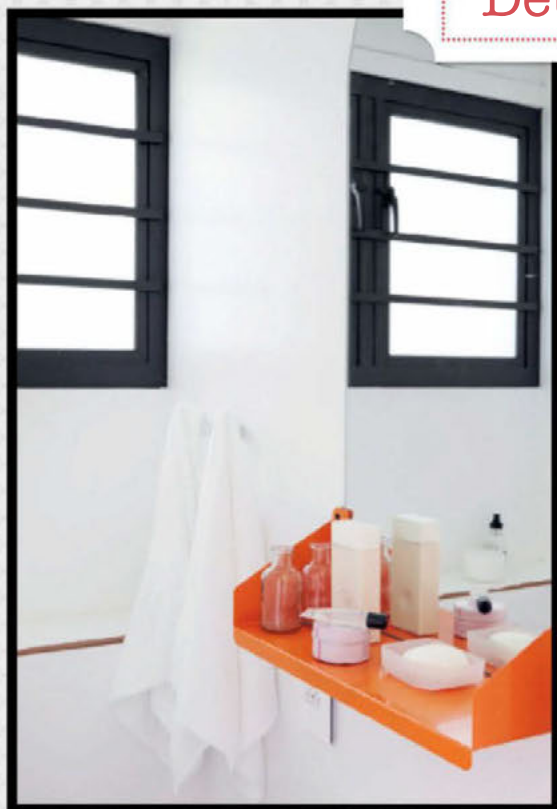


**MULTIPLE USE.** This chair can transform into an ottoman or child's bed. For similar, get the Neo Sofa Bed by Uratex.

**SIMPLE COOKING.** "The bottom part of the kitchen is universal, basic," says Dokter and Misses designer Katy Taplin.



## Details



**LITTLE LOO.** The compact bathroom is the only enclosed room in the pad. For a similar shelving system, try the "Brackets Included" shelf by Hay at Casa Bella, G/L AIC Burgundy Empire Bldg, ADB Ave., Pasig City.



**OUTDOOR-GEAR CABLES** PROVIDE A DECORATIVE VISUAL CUE, SIGNALING THE END OF THE BED AND THE OPEN AREA BELOW.





**TIP**  
A ROCKING CHAIR DOESN'T HAVE TO OCCUPY TOO MUCH SPACE. A MODERN ROCKER LIKE THIS CAN EASILY SQUEEZE IN ONE CORNER OF YOUR ABODE.



**BIG DOME.** Brasa Metal Lamp, P3,500, Möbler

**POLAR OPPOSITES.** Umbra Shift Hot/Cold Carafe, P4,040, Dimensione



**SCANDI INSPIRED.** Queen-size Bed Linen with 2 Pillowcases, P1,190, H&M Home



**BLUE LANTERN.** Kerosene Lamp, P105, Isetann Department Store

**ROCK BABY, ROCK.** Kartell Comback Rocking Chair by Patricia Urquiola, price available upon request, Dexterton

**SIMPLE JOINERY.** Stool, P10,295, Dimensione



**TIP**  
FOR SMALL SPACES, USE STOOLS INSTEAD OF REGULAR DINING CHAIRS. A STOOL CAN ALSO DOUBLE AS A SIDE TABLE OR A STEP-UP FOR OVERHEAD CABINETS.

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CRUZ, MANILA  
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**RUSTANS DEPARTMENT STORE**  
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BLDG., F. ORTIGAS JR., ORTIGAS  
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TEL. (02) 910-8031  
WWW.SPACEENCOUNTERS.NET

**PERIMETER CHECK.** Boring Planter, P800, Space Encounters



**PILLOW PATTERNS.** Dotted Pillow, find similar at Möbler; Feathers Throw Pillow, P895, Luona Concept Store



**COFFEE EXPRESS.** Le' Xpress Espresso Maker, P895, Rustans Department Store



**SEE THROUGH.** MT2727 Modern Glass Table Lamp, P1,800, Mandaue Foam



### { COLOR PALETTE }

blue fox  
(M-12-17D)

popped corn  
(P-40-2D)

red tomato  
(C-1-398D)

smoked oyster  
(M-40-3D)

velvet morning  
(M-9-5D)



# MAGPIE'S NEST

ART, SCANDI FURNITURE, AND FLEA  
MARKET FINDS TRANSFORM THIS  
HONG KONG RENTAL INTO AN  
ECLECTIC HOME

photography **EDGAR TAPAN/REDCOVER-HOMEJOURNAL**  
styling **BRIDGET SAUNDERS**  
words **ALICE CHAN**

This being a rental, homeowner Emma Rochfort retained the old parquet wood floors but brightened up the space by using light-colored furniture in the living room. Get similar throw pillows from the Olive Tree ([www.theolivetreeph.com](http://www.theolivetreeph.com)), and color-hemmed sheer curtains from Robinsons Department Store.



Colorful artwork and jewelry boxes fill the top of Emma's bureau in the silver master bedroom. Find a similar frame at Urban Abode ([www.facebook.com/urbanabode.manila](http://www.facebook.com/urbanabode.manila)).





"IT REMINDS ME OF MY  
CHILDHOOD AND IT  
REALLY CAPTURES THAT  
OLD HONG KONG FEELING."





Just because you rent doesn't mean you can't make the apartment your own. Granted that rules, regulations, and landlords may limit your decorating options, but as Emma Rochfort shows in her two-bedroom rental, it's the details that count. Whether it's a fresh lick of paint, banishing bare walls with art, graphic accents on cushions and blinds, or even a simple stack of books—the details can work together to send the message that the temporary space belongs to you.

Walking into Emma's and her boyfriend Miles' airy, light-filled apartment, it's easy to see why Emma had the "I want it now" moment as soon as she saw the space. The windows look out to unobstructed sea and mountain views. The rooms are spacious, with high ceilings, and most important of all, they're efficient.

"I hadn't expected to find such an amazing flat in Hong Kong. Miles saw it on the Internet—no photos—and booked us an appointment. Another couple was leaving as we were walking in, and told us it was 'just awful'. Either they were looking for something brand new or they wanted to put us off!" Emma recalls.

This homeowner has a discerning eye for design, and she's made the space come alive through artwork and furniture she's collected over the years. "Art really makes a room or a home," Emma advises for anybody who's renting. "I get my art when I travel, and each piece makes a great memory of the place you visited. And framing in Hong Kong is super cheap. I have an apron that I stretched over a wooden frame, and it's honestly the one piece I get the most comments on."

Emma's lucky that her family is equally into art and design; they even swap furniture, and the Bauhaus-style leather-and-aluminum chairs are her sister's. "My mom found the antique chairs, and my dad has gifted me some amazing art, such as Keith Macgregor's 1983 photo of Kowloon that he gave me when I was moving to London. It reminds me of my childhood and really captures that old Hong Kong feeling."

**OPPOSITE PAGE** Emma's dining area, which is furnished with Wegner's Wishbone chairs, is where her love for Scandinavian design is most evident. You can find Wegner-style chairs at Match Contract Furniture, 2100 Chino Roces Ext., Makati City. Get similar street-scene framed prints from Space Encounters, Padilla Bldg., F. Ortigas Jr. Rd., Pasig City. **THIS PAGE (TOP)** A Chinese-heritage-inspired credenza and kooky flea market accessories greet you by the entrance. Vintage framed posters allude to the 1960s Hong Kong Emma waxes nostalgic about. Find a similar credenza locally at Dimensione, Bonifacio High Street, Taguig City. Get blue Foo dogs at Purple Orchid at Powerplant Mall, Rockwell Center in Makati. **(BOTTOM)** The "artwork" in the dining area is actually an apron by alternative houseware site Third Drawer Down ([www.thirddrawerdown.com](http://www.thirddrawerdown.com)) that Emma stretched over a wooden frame.





"I LOVE SCANDINAVIAN DESIGN AND I HAVE A SLIGHT OBSESSION WITH CHAIRS."

A lime-colored stool pops against the entrance of the all-white bathroom. Get a similar stool from Lucina Home ([www.lucina.ph](http://www.lucina.ph)), and affordable white mosaic flooring from Wilcon Depot ([www.wilcon.com.ph](http://www.wilcon.com.ph) for branches).

#### {INTERIOR TALK}

##### MODERN-ECLECTIC STYLE

Eclectic interiors are often associated with an old-world Victorian aesthetic, or a musty, *Grey Gardens*-like eccentricity. But there is a way to bring eclectic interiors into the 21<sup>st</sup> century, much like Emma Rochfort's home. Here's how to do it.

##### 1. Make your backdrop white.

This provides a *tabula rasa* backdrop for furniture and accessories in multiple styles or periods.

**2. Edit your pieces.** Even in eclectic spaces, there is such a thing as "too much." It is okay to layer pieces, but too many items in different styles can make your home look like a store.

**3. If you can't stick to a theme, stick to a palette.** To prevent visual confusion, unify your space by picking eclectic décor pieces in a similar color palette, i.e. all blues and greens, all pastels, all neutrals.

**4. Pair it with sleek furnishings.** Streamline the whole lot by choosing large furniture pieces, like sofas and dining tables, in simple forms.

## SCANDI CHAIR

Go modern-retro with these Scandinavian-inspired dining chairs

**DARK MAN.** This chair is reminiscent of a cool, 1970s bachelor pad. *Sedia E* by Calligaris, Clipp Center, 11th Ave. cor. 39th St., Bonifacio Global City



**ROYAL COPENHAGEN.** A straightforward, simple seat in oak. *Copenhagen Chair*, HAY, G/L AIG Burgundy Empire Tower, ADB Ave., Pasig City



## VINTAGE COUNTRY.

Try this European, streamlined take on the traditional Windsor chair. *J77 Nature Chair*, HAY



**MAD MEN COOL.** This masculine-looking low seat can work both in the dining room or boardroom. *Stockton Chair*, Philux, Mega Fashion Hall, SM Megamall





"ART REALLY MAKES  
A ROOM A HOME."

REAL HOMES



Emma framed a series of photographs (the black-and-white spiral staircase photo is her own) in simple black-and-white frames. The vintage armchair is from her mother. You can find ready-made picture frames like these at SM Home.





"I'M A BIT OF A MAGPIE.  
WHEN I SEE SOMETHING  
I LIKE, I BUY IT."

Printed Korla blinds add personality to the bedroom. A Thonet Bentwood chair is used as a bedside table. Find Thonet-inspired chairs at Match Contract Furniture, tel. (02) 625-8706.

It was in London that Emma amassed much of her furniture, as it's usually cheaper to buy there than in Hong Kong. "I love Scandinavian design," Emma gushes, listing Alvar Aalto, Hans Wegner, Iittala, and Gunnar Asplund among her favorites. "And I have a slight obsession with chairs, particularly the Hans Wegner Wishbone chair." She has effortlessly mixed her long-time staples with her Hong Kong-heritage-inspired furniture, such as an altar table and eclectic pieces like a cockatoo lamp. "I bought the blue dogs in a little china shop that was closing down on Mosque Street years ago. I'm a bit of a magpie—when I see something I like, I tend to buy it," she admits.

Save for the old-school Hong Kong parquet flooring and the kitchen décor, you wouldn't even think this flat was a rental. "I feel relaxed when I come home and actually want to spend time in the flat on weekends," says Emma. "It's such an escape from the buzz and chaos in the rest of Hong Kong, even though it's all of fifteen minutes away." It would seem that the couple has scored the Hong Kong rental jackpot. Adds Emma, "If only I can buy this flat—to me it's almost perfect." **RL**



The generously sized bedroom has ample space for the young couple's clothes and shoes. To create a DIY artwork seen here, simply place a scrap of old wallpaper or gift wrapper in a store-bought frame. Get a headboard like this from Pottery Barn Teens, Estancia Mall, Capitol Commons, Pasig City.



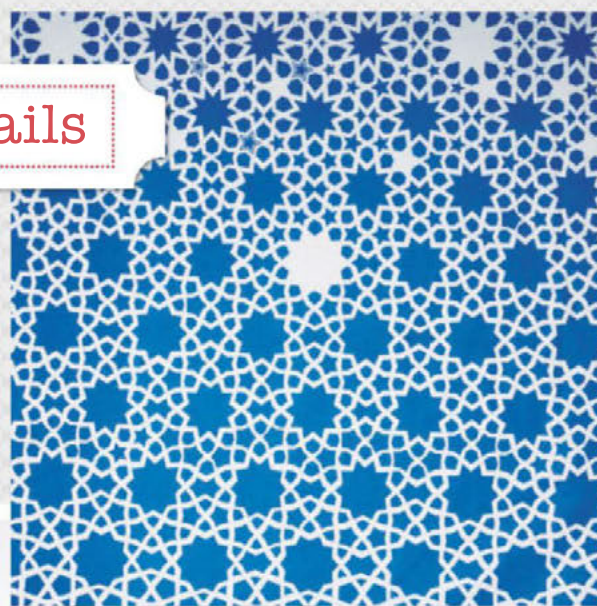




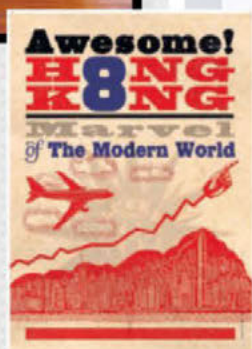
**WINDOW DRESSING.** Emma customized her roller blinds with graphic fabric.

## Details

**SHOE-IN.** Emma's colorful shoes and accessories pop against the all-white bedroom.



**WATCH THE BIRDIE.** Emma got this quirky lamp from [www.offspring.co.uk](http://www.offspring.co.uk).



This vintage poster is from Museum Contest. Get a similar vintage poster from Space Encounters.

**BOOKWORM.** Emma thinks nothing of transforming her stash of coffee table books into a side table.



THESE RETRO, BAUHAUS-STYLE LEATHER CHAIRS ARE FROM EMMA'S SISTER. GET SIMILAR FRAMED PRINTS AND ACCESSORIES FROM MY APT., UNIT 103 THREE BRIXTON BLDG., #3 BRIXTON ST., KAPITOLYO, PASIG CITY.



**WHITE CABIN.** Cabinet, price available upon request, Crate & Barrel



**TEXTILE TRENDS.** Chloe's Garden, P1,995/yard; Chain Links, P1,495/yard, StudioEleven

**TIP**  
WHEN CHOOSING FABRIC FOR YOUR HOME, GET A MAIN FABRIC THAT MATCHES YOUR DESIRED COLOR PALETTE, THEN CHOOSE COORDINATES TO MATCH IT.



**CAFÉ CHAIR.** Lady P Chair, P9,995, Dimensione

**SCALLOP STUNNER.** Printed Mirro Box in Cobalt, P3,811.50, Moss Manila Home

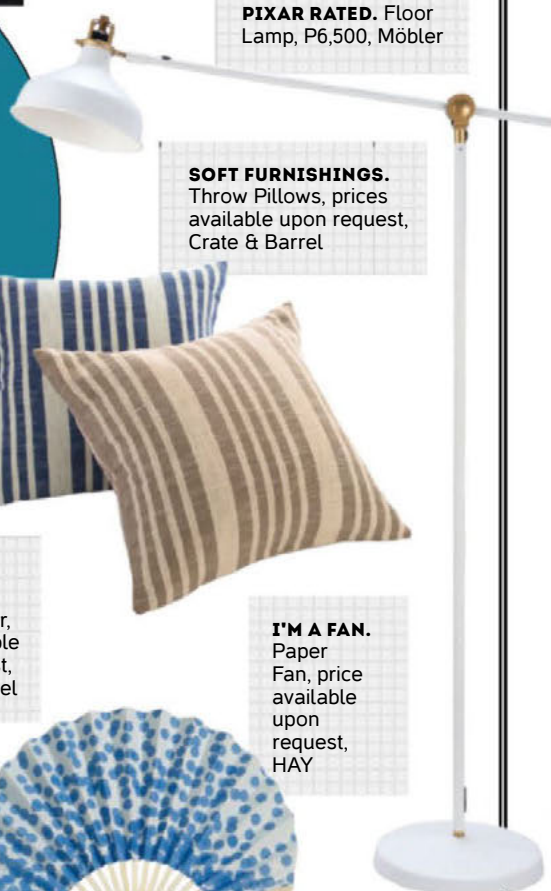


**TIP**  
GO FOR ACCESSORIES IN ELEGANT, TRENDY HUES THAT CONTRAST WITH YOUR TABLETOP.



**SEA STORY.** Wall Frame with Bright Red Coral, P1,890, Moss Manila Home

**PIXAR RATED.** Floor Lamp, P6,500, Möbler



**SOFT FURNISHINGS.** Throw Pillows, prices available upon request, Crate & Barrel



## GET THE LOOK OF A CHEERFUL, ECLECTIC HOME

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3/L EASTMAN BLDG., 4977 ENRIQUE ST., PALANAN, MAKATI CITY

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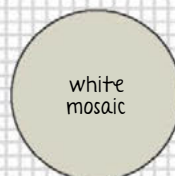
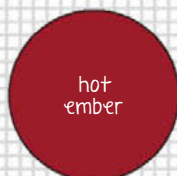
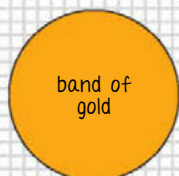
**LOUNGING AROUND.** Lounge Chair, price available upon request, Crate & Barrel



**I'M A FAN.** Paper Fan, price available upon request, HAY

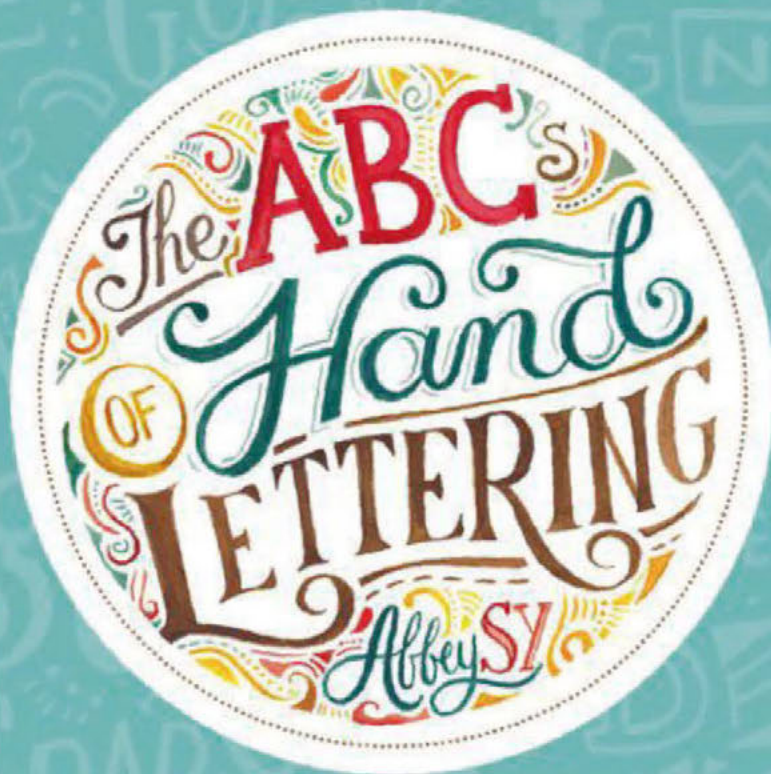


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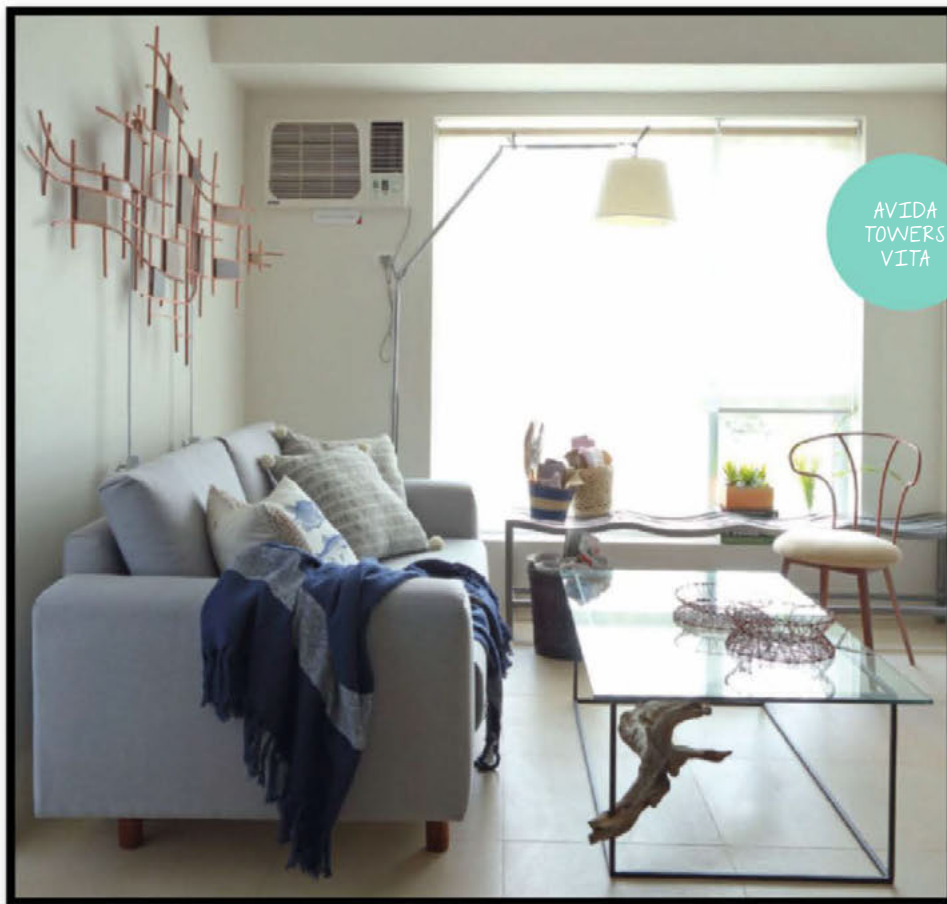
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# The great house hunt

WE ROUND UP THIRTY HOME CHOICES FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR A PLACE TO CALL THEIR OWN—WHETHER IT'S FOR SOLO LIVING, A START-UP FAMILY, OR A GROWING BROOD.



AVIDA TOWERS VITA

## ● AVIDA TOWERS VITA

With the biggest malls such as TriNoma and SM North, and major thoroughfares nearby, living in the metro is made easier and more convenient. Young professionals will surely find the location of Avida Towers Vita in master-planned Vertis North in Quezon City appealing. A huge fraction of the space is dedicated to open spaces and greenery for a cleaner and fresher atmosphere. There is also a rooftop garden that's perfect for socializing.

TYPE: **HIGH-RISE CONDOMINIUM**

LOCATION: **ALONG EDSA, NORTH TRIANGLE, QUEZON CITY**

CONTACT DETAILS: **AVIDA, TEL. (02) 848-5200**

URL: **WWW.AVIDALAND.COM**

PRICE RANGE: **STARTS AT P2M**

## ROBINSONS LAND & FEDERAL LAND

### ● AXIS RESIDENCES

Axis Residences is a joint project between Robinsons Land and Federal Land. Its location in a former sleepy area of Mandaluyong is now abuzz with much charm and personality, thanks to the boom of local businesses. Nearby dining hub Kapitolyo and the MRT ensures you get the most of city living.

TYPE: **HIGH-RISE CONDOMINIUM**

LOCATION: **PIONEER ST., MANDALUYONG CITY**

CONTACT DETAILS: **ROBINSONS LAND**

**CORPORATION, TEL. (02) 886-0000, 248-5888**

URL: **WWW.AXISRESIDENCES.COM**

PRICE RANGE: **STUDIO UNITS START AT P1.9M**

## PRO FRIENDS

### ● CARMONA ESTATES

Carmona Estates is a thriving community in Cavite. A handful of commercial establishments have set up shop in a portion of the estate, so you get what you need in less time and with less effort. There are also playgrounds and other amenities such as basketball court, swimming pool, and other sports facilities for the enjoyment of the whole family.

TYPE: **TOWNHOUSES AND HOUSE AND LOTS**

LOCATION: **DASMARINAS, CAVITE**

CONTACT DETAILS: **PRO FRIENDS, TEL. (02) 491-**

**7700; EMAIL MARKETING@PROFRIENDS.COM**

URL: **WWW.PROFRIENDS.COM**

PRICE RANGE: **HOUSE AND LOTS START AT P1.2M**

## STARTER HOMES

IF YOU'RE ON YOUR OWN OR JUST GOT MARRIED, THESE STARTUP HOMES ARE NOT ONLY JUST THE RIGHT SIZE, BUT ALSO COST P2M AND BELOW!

### AVIDA

#### ● AVIDA TOWERS CENTERA

Avida Towers Centera is a four-tower development located along Metro Manila's main thoroughfare near popular malls and leisure hubs in both Mandaluyong and Pasig City. Its own

development features a retail center packed with commercial establishments that offers countless opportunities for unwinding after a long day at work. If you feel like relaxing sans the crowd, head to the sixth floor and take a refreshing dip in the pool that has an inviting bar.

TYPE: **HIGH-RISE CONDOMINIUM**

LOCATION: **RELIANCE ST. CORNER EDSA,**

**MANDALUYONG CITY**

CONTACT DETAILS: **AVIDA, TEL. (02) 848-5200**

URL: **WWW.AVIDALAND.COM**

PRICE RANGE: **STARTS AT P1.9M**



SORREL  
RESIDENCES



## NEO-NESTING

HAVING A BUSY LIFE DEMANDS A COMFORTABLE NEST THAT'S NEAR YOUR PLACE OF WORK. THESE CONVENIENTLY LOCATED URBAN HIGH-RISES FIT THE BILL.

### ALVEO LAND

#### ◆ SOLSTICE

Solstice by Alveo Land sits right on what is formerly the Sta. Ana Racetrack. But don't get discouraged, as this development is in close proximity to the central business district of Makati. This makes for a perfect choice for those working in the busy area. And with the many establishments nearby, indulging in leisure after office hours is so easy.

TYPE: **HIGH-RISE CONDOMINIUM**

LOCATION: **A.P. REYES AVE. AND HIPPODROMO ST., MAKATI CITY**

CONTACT DETAILS: **ALVEO LAND, TEL. (02) 848-5100, EMAIL INFO@ALVEOSALES.COM.PH**

URL: **WWW.ALVEOLAND.COM.PH**

PRICE RANGE: **PRICE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST**

### DMCI

#### ◆ SORREL RESIDENCES

Sorrel Residences by DMCI is located in the busy district of Sta. Mesa. Though it rises to over 27 stories, you won't feel like you're living in a high-

rise condominium because of each unit's generous cuts and cozy ambiance. The spacious corridors, pocket gardens, pools, and the trademark Lumiventt technology make this an excellent choice for starting families and solo dwellers.

TYPE: **HIGH-RISE CONDOMINIUM**

LOCATION: **STA. MESA, MANILA**

CONTACT DETAILS: **DMCI HOMES, TEL. (02) 324-8888, MOBILE 0917-592-7227**

URL: **WWW.DMCIHOMES.COM**

PRICE RANGE: **1-BR UNIT STARTS AT P2.372M, 2BR AT P3.657M, AND 3BR AT P5.23M**

### FEDERAL LAND

#### ◆◆ SIX SENSES RESORT

Witness the spectacular Manila Bay sunset every day when you live in Six Senses Resort by Federal Land. It's located along Macapagal Boulevard near SM Mall of Asia and hot entertainment hubs like City of Dreams and Solaire Resort. It's only a ten-minute drive from NAIA, making it perfect for jetsetters. And as a resident, you automatically become a member of one of the city's most exclusive resort clubs, the Club Metropark.

TYPE: **HIGH-RISE CONDOMINIUM**

LOCATION: **MACAPAGAL BLVD., PASAY CITY**

CONTACT DETAILS: **FEDERAL LAND,**

**TEL. (02) 551-0888**

URL: **WWW.SIXSENSESRESORT.COM.PH**

PRICE RANGE: **2-BR UNIT STARTS AT P5.6M**

## F.A.Q. 1: CAN I AFFORD TO BUY PROPERTY?

PURCHASING REAL ESTATE PROPERTY IS EXCITING, ESPECIALLY IF IT IS YOUR FIRST TIME. HOWEVER, IT CAN ALSO BE DAUNTING. BEFORE SIGNING ANY DOCUMENTS, READ UP ON WHAT REAL ESTATE BROKER ROCHELLE GRANALI HAS TO SAY ABOUT MAKING THAT BIG INVESTMENT.

**1. Don't bite more than you can chew.** A good rule of thumb is to allot a maximum of 30% of your monthly income for amortization ([www.imoney.ph](http://www.imoney.ph)). Bank home loans vary and usually allot a 15-year term payment for a condominium and 20 years for a house and lot. If you find bank interests too high, consider PAG-IBIG, which offers Risk-Based Pricing Adjustments (for more info, go to your nearest PAG-IBIG office). Keep in mind that the amount loaned does not include association dues and parking fees. These are computed usually on a per-square-meter basis, but it varies from developer to developer.

**2. Know your rights as a real estate buyer.**

The Maceda Law, also known as The Realty Installment Buyer Act or Republic Act 6552, is a law that is a "public policy [that] protects buyers of real estate on installment payments against onerous and oppressive conditions." Meanwhile, PD 957 is commonly known as Subdivision and Condominium Buyers' Protective Decree. The primary purpose of this decree is to

protect the buyers of condominium projects and subdivision developments against misrepresentations and fraudulent activities of developers, sellers, and operators.

**3. Don't be easily enticed by the "no down payment" promise.** This does not mean the developer is giving you a free pass when it comes to paying the property's equity. It only means you are not required to pay the full amount in one go. This is because the down payment (or the equity) of the property is stretched throughout the allowable term given by the developer. For example, most developers usually require 20% down payment, and the rest can be bank-financed or HDMF-financed (PAG-IBIG). With a "no down payment" scheme, the actual equity price is paid in increments over a period of several months or years. And it is only when that 20% payment is completed and when a loan for the remaining 80% has been taken out that the buyer can start moving into his or her property. So essentially, there is still a down payment required.



## LIVING SPRINGS COMMUNITIES

### ● TRES PALMAS

This "boutique" developer is starting to carve its niche in a company of giants with Tres Palmas. Located in the fast-becoming residential area of Taguig, and having the bustling Bonifacio Global City as its neighbor, Tres Palmas is an attractive option to those who want to live in the city without being right at its center.

TYPE: **MID-RISE CONDOMINIUM**

LOCATION: **PEDRO CAYETANO BLVD., BRGY.**

**USUSAN, TAGUIG CITY**

CONTACT DETAILS: **LIVING SPRINGS COMMUNITIES REALTY AND DEV'T CORP,**

**EMAIL INFO@LIVINGSPRINGS.COM.PH**

URL: **WWW.TRESPALMAS.COM.PH**

PRICE RANGE: **STUDIO UNITS START AT P2.2M, 1BR AT P3.7M, 2BR AT P4.2M**

## ROCKWELL PRIMARIES

### ● 53 BENITEZ

Families can enjoy a hassle-free lifestyle with

Rockwell Primaries' 53 Benitez. The area is easily accessible, the neighborhood is quiet, and security is of utmost importance. 53 Benitez features two mid-rise buildings with excellent security systems, complete amenities, a "passive cooling technology" (a feature that makes use of natural air to cool a space), making it one of the most trusted names in real estate.

TYPE: **MID-RISE CONDOMINIUM**

LOCATION: **P. TUAZON COR. C. BENITEZ, NEW MANILA, QUEZON CITY**

CONTACT DETAILS: **ROCKWELL PRIMARIES**

**TEL. (02) 828-9888**

URL: **WWW.PRIMARIES.COM.PH**

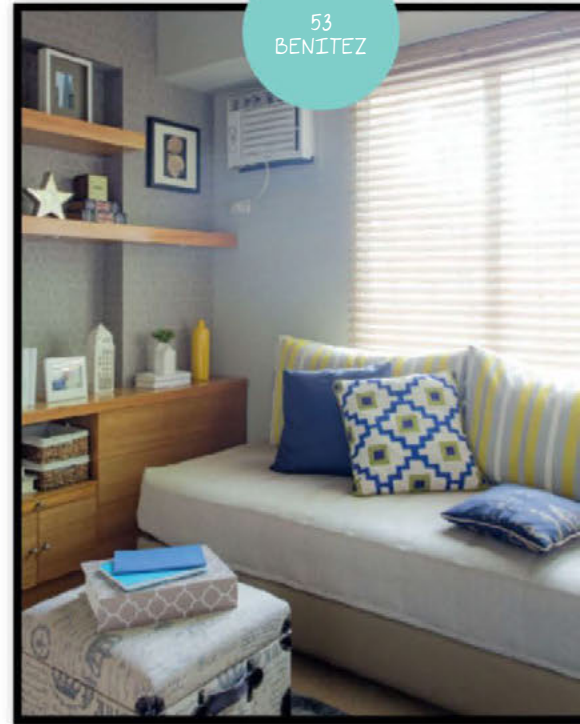
PRICE RANGE: **2BR STARTS AT P5.8M TO P6.5M, 3BR STARTS AT P8.4M TO P9.4M**

## ROBINSONS LAND

### ● CHIMES GREENHILLS

Dubbed as "affordable affluence," Chimes Greenhills is Robinsons Land's newest project in Metro Manila. Conveniently located near

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mall, schools, and commercial establishments, it's a wise investment for newlyweds and young professionals.

TYPE: **HIGH-RISE CONDOMINIUM**

LOCATION: **ANNAPOLIS ST., GREENHILLS, SAN JUAN CITY**

CONTACT DETAILS: **ROBINSONS COMMUNITIES, TEL. (02) 248-5888**

URL: **WWW.ROBINSONSCOMMUNITIES.COM/CHIMES-GREENHILLS**

PRICE RANGE: **PRICE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST**

● **MAGNOLIA RESIDENCES**

It's easy to unwind in Magnolia Residences, thanks to its strategic location in Quezon City. Having Robinsons Magnolia as your neighbor means you need only step out of your building if you want to shop, dine, or catch a

movie. It's also a few minutes' walk from the MRT and schools like St. Paul, so you don't have to worry about a stressful commute.

TYPE: **HIGH-RISE CONDOMINIUM**

LOCATION: **NEW MANILA, QUEZON CITY**

CONTACT DETAILS: **ROBINSONS LAND CORP.,**

**TEL. (02) 636-0888, MOBILE 0925-333-3333 (NORTH); 0925-777-7777 (SOUTH)**

URL: **WWW.ROBINSONSRESIDENCES.COM/THE-MAGNOLIA-RESIDENCES**

PRICE RANGE: **1BR STARTS AT P4.7M**

**ORTIGAS AND CO.**

● **MAVEN**

Live the millennial dream at Maven, the latest "it" address in happening hub Capitol Commons. Maven is an apt place for the young urban

professional who follows his or her passion and enjoys the good life that the metro has to offer. With 62 stories, you get stylish architecture as well as modern convenience in an emerging hip place.

TYPE: **HIGH-RISE CONDOMINIUM**

LOCATION: **MAVEN, CAPITOL COMMONS,**

**MERALCO AVENUE, ORTIGAS CENTER, PASIG CITY**

CONTACT DETAILS: **ORTIGAS AND COMPANY,**

**TEL. (02) 632-0058**

URL: **WWW.LIVEATMAVEN.PH**

PRICE RANGE: **STUDIO UNITS START AT P2.2M**

● **VIRIDIAN**

With Greenhills as your next-door neighbor,

## F.A.Q. 2: HOW CAN I RENOVATE MY CONDO WISELY?

WHEN IT COMES TO RENOVATIONS, ARCHITECT LOVE DE LEON GIVES PROFESSIONAL ADVICE TO AVOID BALLOONING COSTS AND UNNECESSARY HEADACHES FOR YOUR DREAM ABODE

**1. Plan smartly.**

"First and foremost, you have to finalize the designs with your professional consultant. Everything must be agreed on and discussed thoroughly before starting the renovation. Swatch board that includes the paint colors, sample tiles, fabrics, and other necessary finishes must be presented to the client for them to visualize everything. This will definitely avoid delays and unnecessary changes during the renovation period."

**2. Consider the post-renov cleanup.**

"One of the most crucial things you should consider in your budget is the hauling of debris. If you decided to go on a renovation and you're going to change the existing cabinets, ceiling, floor and wall tiles, you have to allot a budget for the hauling of the construction debris

especially if the unit is located on a higher level. It is usually one of the most overlooked items when it comes to renovations. You really have to set a budget and time for the hauling, since during that period, you will start to incur expenses even when there's no work accomplished yet."

**3. Invest in quality materials.**

"Splurge on quality plumbing fixtures, pipes, and fittings since water leak is one of the problems that you don't want to have when you live in a condominium." Love also advises to source electrical supplies like wires, switches, and bulbs from reputable stores and distributors. Doing so will save you from having to worry about whether or not your property is energy-efficient and free from fire hazards.



there's no shortage on shopping and gastronomic delights when you move in to Viridian. Top schools like La Salle-Greenhills are nearby, making this development a good choice when you have kids.

TYPE: **HIGH-RISE CONDOMINIUM**

LOCATION: **MISSOURI COR. CONNECTICUT STS., GREENHILLS, SAN JUAN CITY**

CONTACT DETAILS: **ORTIGAS AND COMPANY, TEL. (02) 451-1538**

URL: **WWW.VIRIDIAN.COM.PH**

PRICE RANGE: **P6M TO P30M, INCLUSIVE OF PARKING SLOT**

## SMDC

### ● AIR RESIDENCES

SMDC steps up its game in real estate with its premier residential project called Air Residences. Conveniently located in the heart of Makati and rising to over 59 floors, you get a panoramic view of the most happening district. Plus, you get to enjoy various activities in the condo's two-level amenity deck.

TYPE: **HIGH-RISE CONDOMINIUM**

LOCATION: **YAKAL AND MALUGAY STS., SAN ANTONIO VILLAGE, MAKATI CITY**

CONTACT DETAILS: **SM DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, TEL. (02) 858-0300; MOBILE 0917-500-5151**

URL: **WWW.AIRRESIDENCES.COM**

PRICE RANGE: **STUDIO UNITS START AT P2.7M**

### ● FAME RESIDENCES

Live like a star and get to unwind in style right at SMDC's Fame Residences. This residential projects has four towers with 39 floors each, and offers exceptional amenities such as The Grand Lobby and the Walk of Fame. Lifestyle hubs are within walking distance, so you need not get out of your comfort zone.

TYPE: **HIGH-RISE CONDOMINIUM**

LOCATION: **CENTRAL EDSA, MANDALUYONG CITY**

CONTACT DETAILS: **SM DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, TEL. (02) 858-0300; MOBILE 0917-500-5151**

URL: **HTTP://FAME-RESIDENCES.COM**

PRICE RANGE: **STUDIO UNITS START AT P2.6M**

## OUTSIDE MANILA

WHETHER YOU'RE LOOKING INTO A SECOND RESTHOME OR YOU JUST WANT TO LIVE AWAY FROM THE CACOPHONY OF THE CITY, HEAD OVER TO THESE RELAXING ENCLAVES.

## ALVEO LAND

### ● SOLINEA (Cebu)

Experience the best of holiday living in Solinea. Located right at the heart of Cebu's Business Park, Solinea boasts five towers that reflect the dynamic vibe of the city. The

development features upscale retail shops and restaurants, and has a street landscape that complements the distinctive dining and shopping experiences offered by Ayala Center Cebu, which is conveniently located across it.

TYPE: **HIGH-RISE CONDOMINIUM**

LOCATION: **CARDINAL ROSALES AVE., CEBU CITY**

CONTACT DETAILS: **ALVEO LAND, EMAIL**

**INFO@AYALALANDCEBU.COM**

URL: **WWW.AYALALANDCEBU.COM/ALVEO/SOLINEA.PHP**

PRICE RANGE: **PRICES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST**

## AVIDA

### ● AVIDA SETTINGS ALTARAZA

More people are moving in the 'burbs! Sta. Rosa, Laguna is the prime choice for those on the lookout for a bit of suburbia in the south.

Avida gives you more options with its different house-and-lot configurations. Enjoy wide-open spaces with family-friendly amenities such as jogging paths, parks, and social halls.

TYPE: **HOUSE AND LOT**

LOCATION: **LAGUNA**

CONTACT DETAILS: **AVIDA LAND,**

**TEL. (02) 848-5200**

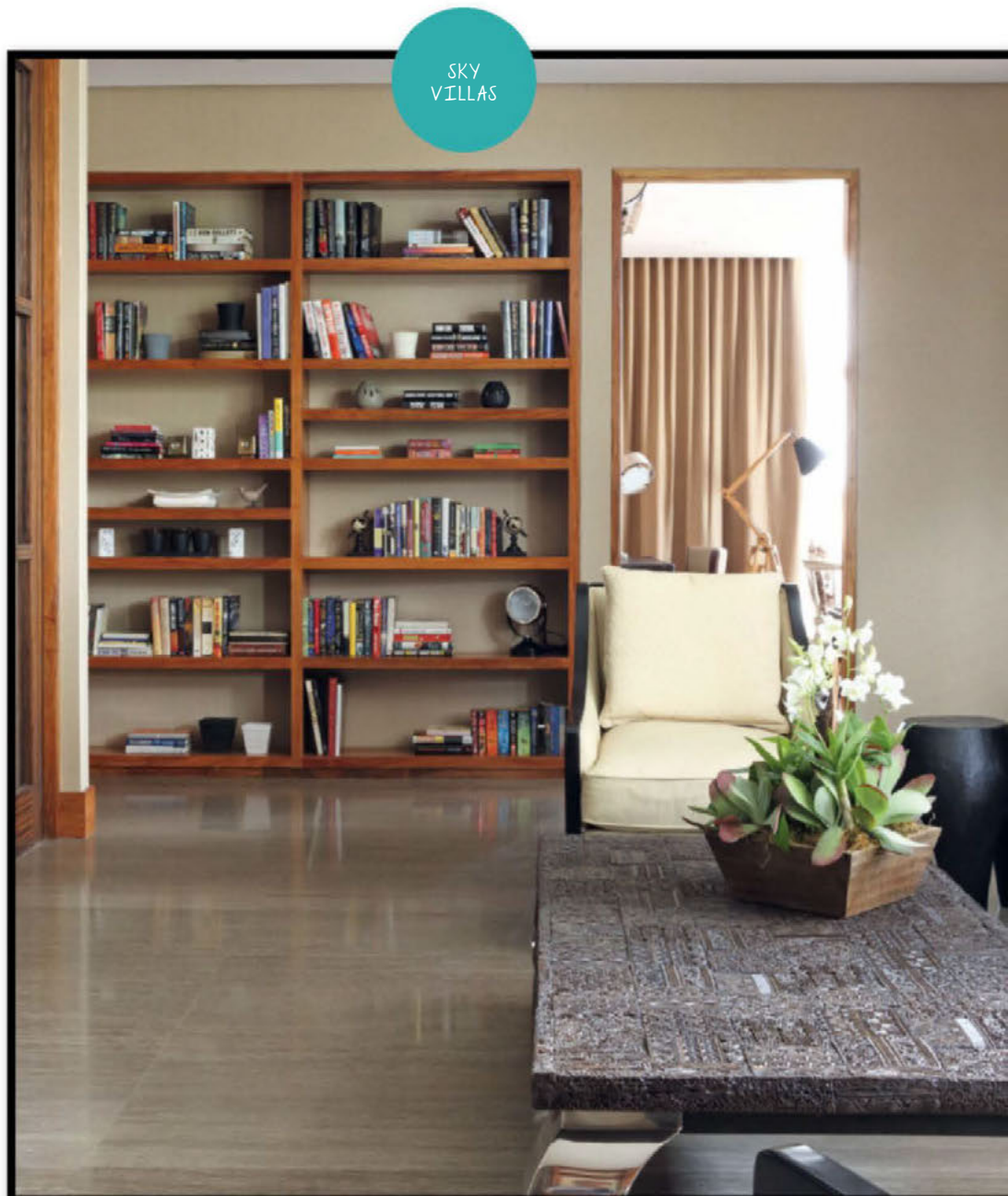
URL: **WWW.AVIDALAND.COM**

PRICE RANGE: **STARTS AT P1.4M FOR A BUNGALOW**

## ELANVITAL

### ● NOSTALJI ENCLAVE

Dressed up by designer Kimi Manuel, the Advantage townhouse of Nostalji Enclave is the perfect inspiration for newlyweds and young families settling in the south. The unit's







punchy colors and clever storage tricks maximize the limitations of the space. Other townhouse models and house and lots are also available.

TYPE: **HOUSE AND LOT**

LOCATION: **DASMARIÑAS, CAVITE**

CONTACT DETAILS: **ELANVITALE,**

**TEL. (02) 917-8888**

URL: **WWW.ELANVITAL.COM.PH**

PRICE RANGE: **PRICES START AT P1.7M TO P2.1M FOR A TOWNHOUSE, HOUSE AND LOTS START AT P2.79M**

## MAÑOSA PROPERTIES

### ● TAGÔ

Known for their elegant signature style inspired by the iconic *bahay kubo*, the Mañosas created Tagô, which gives the full experience of living in breathable spaces. The artisan community consists of 52 homes that boast of environmentally conscious features to ensure quality that is made to last multiple generations.

TYPE: **HOUSE AND LOT**

LOCATION: **TAGAYTAY**

CONTACT DETAILS: **MAÑOSA PROPERTIES INC.,**

**TEL. (02) 842 6988**

URL: **WWW.MANOSA-PROPERTIES.COM**

PRICE RANGE: **PRICES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST**

## MEGAWORLD

### ● ◆ TWIN LAKES

Have your own piece of Napa Valley at Twin Lakes. A joint project between Megaworld and Fil Estate, Inc., this bold move by the developers will create the first vineyard in the country. Situated in

the cool region of Tagaytay, this township development can be accessed through three towns. It will feature commercial spaces, a mid-rise condominium cluster, and a scenic view of the Taal Lake and the mountain range of Batangas.

TYPE: **MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENT**

LOCATION: **TAGAYTAY**

CONTACT DETAILS: **MEGAWORLD GLOBAL**

**ESTATE, TEL. (02) 850-0888; MOBILE 0917-877-0888**

PRICE RANGE: **PRICES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST**

## ROBINSONS LUXURIA

### ● ◆ AMISA

AmiSa is the first leisure residential community in Mactan, Cebu. Inspired by Australia's Gold Coast and blessed with a stunning seascape, it offers a year-round vacation ambiance. AmiSa features six residential condominium buildings and a 209-meter-wide beachfront, lush landscaping, and other amenities perfect for a weekend home.

TYPE: **CONDOMINIUM**

LOCATION: **MACTAN, CEBU**

CONTACT DETAILS: **ROBINSONS LUXURIA,**

**TEL. (032) 255-5540; MOBILE 0932-897-9777**

URL: **WWW.ROBINSONSLUXURIA.COM/AMISA-**

**PRIVATE-RESIDENCES**

PRICE RANGE: **PRICES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST**

## ROCKWELL LAND

### ● 32 SANSON

Life is indeed good in the Queen City of the South, especially with this new development by Rockwell Land. 32 Sanson provides luxurious options for the most discerning of

## F.A.Q. 3: IS A CONDO THE RIGHT HOME FOR ME?

INTERIOR DESIGNER PAULINE LA'O OFFERS SENSIBLE DESIGN TIPS IF YOU DECIDE TO TAKE THE BIG LEAP INTO CONDO LIVING

### 1. Know your needs.

If you have a big family, condo living may not be a practical choice (unless you're willing to invest in a unit that has a sizeable floor area with a hefty price tag). "Condos are often ideal for college students, young professionals, and newlyweds who want a taste of independence," says Pauline.

### 2. Accept the limitations of the space.

"As opposed to a house and lot, the structure of a condominium unit is more rigid and requires efficient space planning," adds Pauline. That's why it's important

to be realistic with your wish list—you can't expect to have a fabulous walk-in closet in a 30-sqm space.

### 3. Seek expert advice when fixing up a condo.

Pauline also asserts the importance of hiring a pro. "Designers are experts in maximizing your space and understanding the often-encountered issues in condos, like restrictions in property management, construction concerns, etc. You, the client, should know what you want, and the designers will translate those into your space."



Cebuanos. Amenities include subterranean roads, pools, gardens, and a playground for the whole family—all these set amid a backdrop of tropical vibe in this lush cosmopolitan province.

TYPE: **MID-RISE CONDOMINIUM**

LOCATION: **LAHUG, CEBU CITY**

CONTACT DETAILS: **ROCKWELL LAND,**

TEL. (032) 417 3888

URL: **WWW.E-ROCKWELL.COM**

PRICE RANGE: **PRICES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST**

## VISTA RESIDENCES

◆ CROSSWINDS

Surrounded by the sight and scent of over 20,000 pine trees and the picturesque view of the lush terrains of Cavite, Crosswinds is the perfect choice for a growing family who wants to experience a laidback lifestyle. The development straddles old-world charm with its Swiss Chalet style, and offers open spaces such as parks and recreational areas.

TYPE: **HOUSE AND LOT**

LOCATION: **TAGAYTAY**

CONTACT DETAILS: **BRITTANY, VISTA LAND,**

TEL. (02) 794-9999; EMAIL **SALES@BRITTANY.COM.**

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PRICE RANGE: **PRICES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST**

## LUXE CITY HOMES

LOOKING FOR A TOP-NOTCH ADDRESS WITH THE DESIGN TO MATCH?

THEN GO FOR THESE "STAR-CHITECT"-CONCEPTUALIZED LUXURY CONDO HOMES.

## AYALA LAND PREMIER

◆ TWO ROXAS TRIANGLE

Emphasizing privacy and exclusivity, Two Roxas Triangle takes luxury living to a whole new level. With elevators opening directly to the lobby exclusive to each unit, you are assured of utmost security. With a maximum of four units for each floor, you have a lot of space for all your home design pursuits. There are topnotch amenities like the pool, indoor and outdoor courts, game and play rooms, fitness center, and a helipad. And with the busy Makati district as your neighborhood, you won't lack for convenience.

TYPE: **HIGH-RISE CONDOMINIUM**

LOCATION: **CRUZADA ST. COR PASEO DE ROXAS, MAKATI CITY**

CONTACT DETAILS: **AYALA LAND PREMIERE,**

EMAIL **SALES@TWOXASTRIANGLE.COM.PH**

URL: **WWW.TWOXASTRIANGLE.COM.PH**

PRICE RANGE: **PRICES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST**

## CENTURY PROPERTIES

◆ CENTURY SPIRE

With architecture by Daniel Libeskind and interiors by Armani/Casa, Century Spire is a design marvel. It features three interlocking segments as its crown; and with its playful geometric layout, you get an exceptional view of the Makati skyline right outside your unit window. Offering convenience are leisure hubs in Makati that are within walking distance.

TYPE: **HIGH-RISE CONDOMINIUM**

LOCATION: **CENTURY CITY, MAKATI**

CONTACT DETAILS: **CENTURY PROPERTIES, TEL.**

**(02) 793-5500, 893-6806; MOBILE 0917 555-5274**

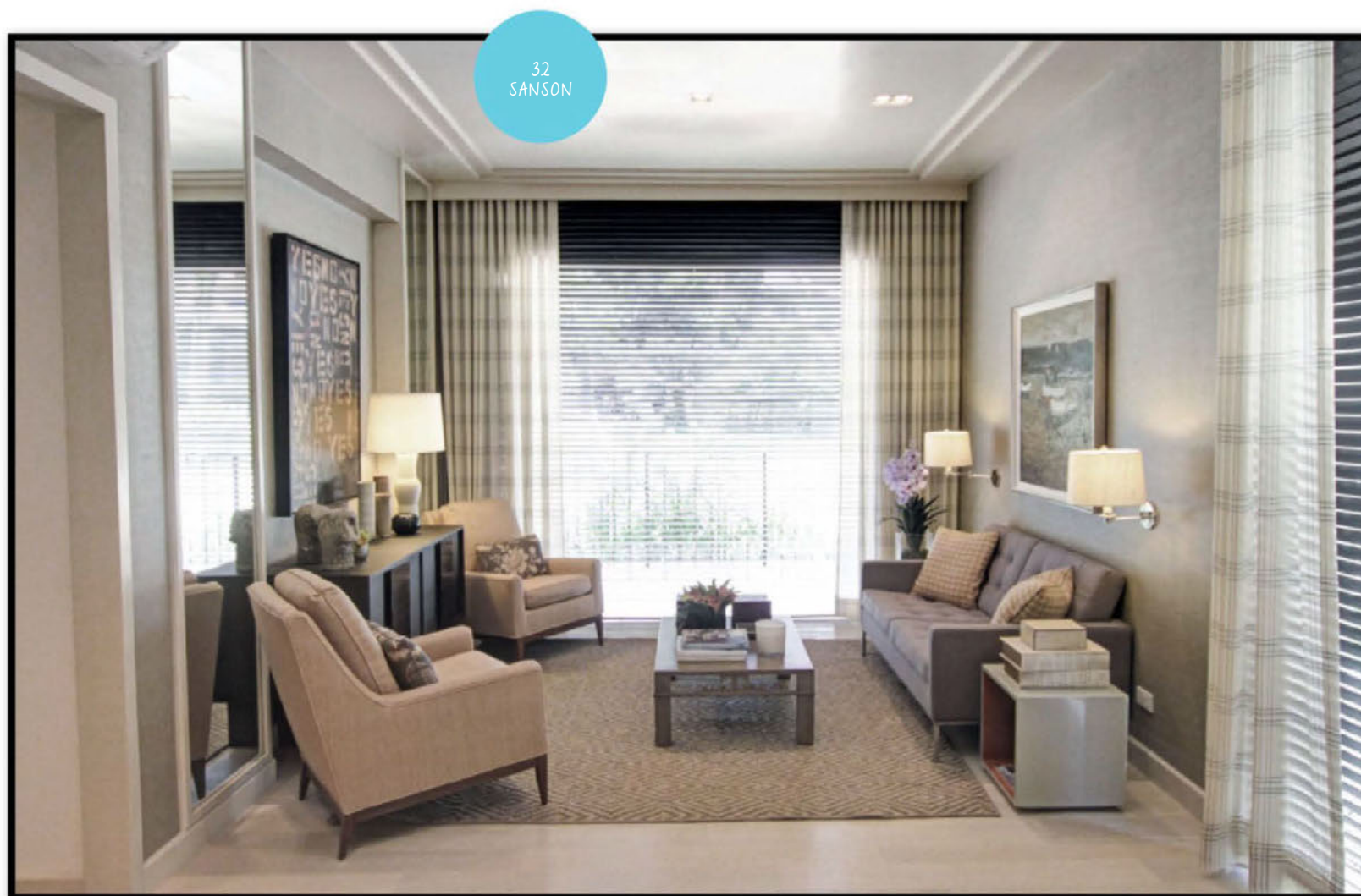
URL: **WWW.CENTURYSPIRE.COM**

PRICE RANGE: **PRICES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST**

## ORTIGAS AND CO.

◆ THE IMPERIUM

With Imperium's circular footprint, beamless ceilings, and generous cuts, and at only four units on each floor, you get a generous space to decorate. Other unique features include trapezoidal-canted windows, allowing for optimum natural light. At night, you get treated to a clear view of the Ortigas skyline and Sierra Madre mountain range. The tower







THE  
RISE

is complete with luxurious amenities like infinity pool, fitness facilities, mini theatre, garden lounge, and outdoor play area, giving you the complete experience fit for royalty.

TYPE: **HIGH-RISE CONDOMINIUM**  
LOCATION: **CAPITOL COMMONS, PASIG CITY**  
CONTACT DETAILS: **ORTIGAS AND COMPANY, TEL. (02) 631-1231, EMAIL INFO@ORTIGAS.COM.PH**  
URL: **WWW.THEIMPERIUM.PH**  
PRICE RANGE: **PRICE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST**

## PHILIPPINE REALTY HOLDINGS CORP.

### ◆ SKY VILLAS

Don't settle for less when it comes to space. Check out Sky Villas on One Balete Drive, a development that has generous cuts. A one-bedroom unit is at 64 sqm—spacious enough for well-divided areas for work and leisure. And with its expansive balconies and gardens, business lounge and library, meeting rooms, and other topnotch amenities, you have a lot of breathing space to play around in.

TYPE: **MID-RISE CONDOMINIUM**  
LOCATION: **ONE BALETE DRIVE, NEW MANILA, QUEZON CITY**  
CONTACT DETAILS: **PHILIPPINE REALTY HOLDINGS CORP., TEL. (02) 416-8686**  
URL: **WWW.SKYVILLAS.COM.PH**  
PRICE RANGE: **PRICES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST**

## ROCKWELL LAND

### ◆ PROSCENIUM

Rockwell Land makes another mark with its world-class development: Proscenium. A cascading water

feature welcomes you as you enter its lobby, showing off luxury and prime exclusivity. Designed by world-renowned architect Carlos Ott, the four towers feature distinct cuts—from penthouses with three bedrooms to studio units. Aside from reflective pools, private lawns, and game rooms, Proscenium is also highly equipped with courts and a gym for the exclusive use of its residents.

TYPE: **HIGH-RISE CONDOMINIUM**  
LOCATION: **ROCKWELL CENTER, MAKATI CITY**  
CONTACT DETAILS: **ROCKWELL LAND, TEL. (02) 793-0088**  
URL: **WWW.EROCKWELL.COM/PROSCENIUM**  
PRICE RANGE: **PRICE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST**

## SHANG PROPERTIES

### ◆ THE RISE

More than a place to stay, The Rise gives you a complete city experience. Perfect for the restless young professionals, career-oriented, and creative individuals, it offers the ultimate convenience for every activity you have in mind. The Rise showcases a wide array of amenities including the "Nest" lounge filled with couches perfect for curling up with your fave book; the "Hangout" lounge that features a home cinema, billiard and karaoke rooms; and the "Workshop" lounge, which has workstations and bars. That's complete city living at its best!

TYPE: **HIGH-RISE CONDOMINIUM**  
LOCATION: **YAKAL ST., MAKATI CITY**  
CONTACT DETAILS: **SHANG PROPERTIES, TEL. (02) 843-7473**  
URL: **WWW.THERISEMAKATI.COM**  
PRICE RANGE: **PRICE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST**

## VISTA RESIDENCES

### ◆ SALCEDO SQUARE

Reward yourself after a hard day's work by living in one of the most happening places in the metro. Vista Residences' Salcedo Square is located at the center of Makati. It caters to young urban professionals looking forward to be part of the action, with its fab amenities such as social hall, swimming pool, Wi-Fi-ready lounge, game room, fitness gym, sunken deck, and al fresco area.

TYPE: **HI-RISE CONDOMINIUM**  
LOCATION: **VALERO ST., SALCEDO VILLAGE, MAKATI CITY**  
CONTACT DETAILS: **VISTA RESIDENCES, TEL. (02) 817-1735; MOBILE 0917 816-4099**  
URL: **WWW.VISTALANDPRESTIGE.COM**  
PRICE RANGE: **STUDIO UNITS START AT P2.2M, 1-BR UNIT STARTS AT P3.2M**

## QUIZ: WHAT'S YOUR MOVING-IN STYLE?

BEFORE YOU START NESTING, TAKE THIS FUN QUIZ AND FIND OUT IF YOU'RE THE TYPE TO MOVE IN WITH A LITTLE BIT TOO MANY THINGS, JUST THE BASICS, OR SOMEWHERE IN BETWEEN

(1) You've just packed for a three-day out-of-town trip, and you've packed:  
A. Two check-in bags filled with separate travel organizers of outfits styled down to the sunglasses—you don't want your OOTD to go wrong.  
B. A tote with a bikini, a pair of shorts, and a bottle of sunblock. You can buy the dress and extra undies when you get there.  
C. A hand-carried bag with slacks, a skirt, and two shirts—all in black—that you can mix-and-match ten different ways.

(2) These are what can be seen on your office desk:  
A. Neatly-filed paperwork, sticky notes in all sizes and colors, two kinds of staplers, an emergency overnight kit stashed in the bottom drawer.  
B. A corkboard decorated with office memo and beach photos, desk calendar, a receptacle for pens—half of which have dried-out ink.  
C. A slim pencil case, black notebook, cup of coffee. The new office recruit thinks you're resigning soon, even if you plan on staying 'til your retirement.

(3) At a buffet restaurant, your plate is...  
A. A sampling of meat, seafood, and vegetable dishes with a small mound of rice. You don't believe in excluding any food group.  
B. A study in unlikely pairings: pasta and sushi, kimchi and roast beef.  
C. A homogenous canvas. It can be all sushi, all cold cuts, or all dessert entrées—depends on your craving.

(4) You never leave home without:  
A. Your trusty planner. Even if your schedule is on your phone, there is still nothing like having a hardcopy.  
B. A bottle of your go-to perfume. Although it makes more sense to transfer it to a small vial, you fancy the bottle itself too much to leave it at home.  
C. An eco bag in case you need to pop by the grocery.

[results]

### Mostly A's: The OC Nester

You're the type to move in with every detail figured out—from what goes to which drawers to duvet covers. So you won't get stressed out during your big move, create a shortlist in an Excel file of each box as you go. Make copies for yourself and the movers.

### Mostly B's: The Impractical Patty

You've got big-ticket items like a sofa, however, you're fine with the idea of having to live with an improvised dining table just because you haven't found "the one." Don't settle for this "just-moved-in" look forever. Give yourself deadlines for purchasing other items, or purchase one big piece every three months.

### Mostly C's: The Minimalist Mover

So long as you have the bare bones to get you through the day, you're cool. You like your home all fixed up and tidy when you move in. Don't get set in your super-strict ways all the time—allow yourself to trawl a bazaar to find décor that would add personality to your space.—*Kath Valle*



# realliving Notebook

## The soft touch

Learn the different types of fabrics used for soft furnishing—upholstery, curtains, and throw pillows—plus practical tips from experts. We've also picked out different styles and patterns to suit your decorating needs.

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## RL Notebook Calendar

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
26	27 	28	29	30 Lion Pillow, P3,495, Dwell Studio	31 	1
2 Basic Oil Painting Workshop Ayala Museum See <a href="http://www.ayalamuseum.org">www.ayalamuseum.org</a> for info	3	4 Hexagon Chair, P3,496, True Value	5 WORLD FOOD EXPO (WOFEX) 2015 World Trade Center Manila, Pasay City	6 	7 Gold & Black Pillow, find similar at Our Home	8 Check out the International Festival of Extraordinary Textiles at Metropolitan Museum of Manila until September 12
9 EMBRACING MOTHERHOOD: PREGNANCY & BABY EXPO Megatrade Hall, SM Megamall, Mandaluyong City	10	11 PALETTE OF THE MONTH BRIGHT, BOLD, & BEJEWELED all from Ace Paints 	12	13 	14	15 Sikat Pinoy National Art & Fashion Fair, SM Megatrade Halls, from Aug. 14-16
16 Kadayawan sa Dabaw Davao City, Davao Del Sur	17	18 GOLDEN CITY	19	20 Ninoy Aquino Day Special Non-working Holiday	21	22 Kids celebrating their birthdays at participating Jollibee stores can visit museums for free! Check out <a href="http://www.museumfoundationph.org">www.museumfoundationph.org</a>
23 	24	25 KEY LARGO	26	27	28 Kagay-an Festival Cagayan de Oro City, Misamis Oriental	29
Miami Ottoman, P20,000, Moss Manila Home		26 PURPLE GRANDEUR				30 SUN
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# THROW PILLOW BASICS

TOWNES FABRICS OWNER DONNA PACHO SHARES HOW TO CREATE AN INTERESTING MIX OF THROW PILLOWS WHEN DECORATING

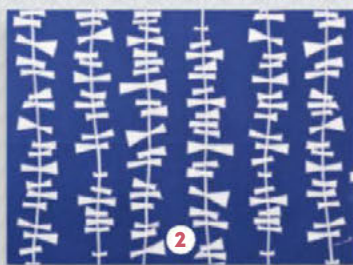
If you think throw pillows are dispensable in a space, think again. "Apart from helping to create a cozy and comfortable space, throw pillows also serve as accent pieces on sofas or chairs," says Donna. "It's important to accentuate with throw pillows because they add life and texture to a room. They can easily transform a monochromatic space into something more fun and bold." With that in mind, here are some tips.

**1. Browse through a fabric collection.** "Choose coordinating fabrics. You may also lift a solid

color from the main pattern so the pieces complement each other," says Donna.

**2. Experiment with pillow piping.** "You may use contrasting colors to make the fabric design pop." Also, a solid piping in a bright color will look great against another patterned fabric.

**3. Get throw pillows that go with the style of the room.** "For example, a rich, plush texture in deep color adds sophistication to a traditional room, while softer cottons and linens in natural colors make for a modern Asian or tropical space," says Donna.



1. Sislo Eucalyptus, P695/m, 2. Kita Indigo, P945/m, 3. Lace It Up Teal, P975/m, all from Townes, Inc.; 4. Tilton Fenwick Duralee Designer Collection (Pattern 15639), 5. Duralee Fabrics Chambray (Pattern 42427), 6. Duralee Fabrics Black and White (Pattern 71101), prices available upon request, all from Weaves of Asia



# CURTAIN CALL

LIKE A BEAUTIFUL DRESS, THE RIGHT WINDOW TREATMENT CAN SPRUCE UP A ROOM IN AN INSTANT

Your choice of window treatments always depends on the style of your interiors. Other things to consider include "the quality of natural light you want, the proportion of the curtain to the size of the windows, privacy, and security," says Donna. Curtain makers also utilize different materials that serve various purposes and needs of the room. "All these types can come in fire-retardant versions—a chemical finish which will suppress, significantly reduce, or delay combustion of the material," adds Donna. Here are the typical materials used for curtains.



**100% Cotton or Cotton blends.** "Excellent hang for most drapery applications and works best with all curtain styles. It blends well with other fibers, wrinkles less, and is fade resistant." Mino Coal, P895/m, Townes, Inc.



**100% Linen or Linen blends.** "Creates a more natural look and they usually come in neutral shades. Though soft to the touch, linen wrinkles easily." Highland Court Shania (Pattern 300025H), price available upon request, Weaves of Asia



**Blackout materials.** "A type of material that completely blocks sunlight from coming in to the room. Two-in-one fabric weaves with blackout lining are available to save on costs." Waikiki-yellow Blackout Curtain, P995/yard, Townes, Inc.

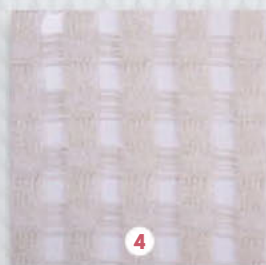


**Sheers.** "Thin, lightweight, and may or may not be a completely see-through material. It offers some degree of privacy and can stand alone, but is commonly used together with heavy drapes." Printed Curtain, P295, Mandaue Foam



## TIP

"PLAIN CURTAINS ARE BEST COMBINED WITH A MIX OF PATTERNED FABRICS ON FURNITURE AND SOFT FURNISHINGS. PATTERNED CURTAINS ARE BEST IN A MONOCHROMATIC ROOM AND WILL ADD A BURST OF LIFE AND COLOR."



1. Toile Slate, P945/m, 2. Ranka Orange, P945/m both from Townes, Inc.;
3. Highland Court Cher Carribean (Pattern 300013H), 4. Duralee Fabrics Bisque (Pattern 51286), 5. Duralee Fabrics Wheat (Pattern 51294), 6. Duralee Fabrics Antique White (Pattern 51272), 7. Duralee Fabrics Zulla Lapis (Pattern 21075), prices available upon request, all from Weaves of Asia;
8. Pierrette Licorice, P695/m, Townes, Inc.



# UPHOLSTERY MATTERS

HERE'S A PRIMER ON FREQUENTLY USED FABRIC UPHOLSTERY TYPES, PLUS THE ROOM AND FURNITURE STYLES THEY ARE GOOD FOR



**Chenille.** "It's a fancy yarn weave that produces a heavy fabric that is thick, soft, velvety, and with a cozy appearance. It's applicable to any room style." Heavy-duty chenille is just right for sofas and armchairs. *Ballet Baltic, P1,150 per meter, Townes, Inc.*



**100% Cotton and Cotton blends.** "Cotton is 100% natural fiber, while cotton blends usually have polyester or synthetics. Both are durable and create a sleek finish. They're perfect for any room style and commonly used for modern interiors." Cotton, especially cotton chintz, is versatile enough for slipcovers and accent chairs. *Tove Ocher, P945 per meter, Townes, Inc.*



**Jacquards and Damasks.** "Heavy-woven fabrics combining different yarns and fibers to create a pattern. The ornate design of both will complement a formal and traditional room." These elegant fabrics can be used for sofas, slipcovers, and chairs. *Manises A-E13 Azul, P795 per meter, Townes, Inc.*



**Leather and Leatherette.** "Tough material, durable, and can withstand heavy use. It's best to use in an old-world style room or a modern, masculine interior." Leather upholstery looks especially great on tufted furniture and Chesterfield-type couches. *Napa Shadow, P995/yd, Townes, Inc.*



**Outdoor or Weather-resistant Fabrics.** "Fabric for outdoor furniture that is waterproof and won't fade easily under the sun. It's used for lanais and outdoor spaces." Use these fabrics for outdoor cushions and lounges. *Denodet Color Azul CM 13, P795 per meter, Townes, Inc.*



## THE FABRIC CHECKLIST

WHEN BUYING FABRIC FOR UPHOLSTERY, DONNA SUGGESTS CONSIDERING THESE BEFORE MAKING YOUR PURCHASE

**\*Level of comfort:** "What type of texture can you lounge on for hours?"

**\*Climate:** "What fabric won't absorb heat especially during warm summer days?"

**\*Durability:** "What can last for years even with pets in the house?"

**\*Style and pattern**

"Does it go with your overall concept?"

**\*Color**

"Most moms choose dark colors so it won't be hard to maintain around children."



**GEOMETRY BLUES.** A pattern that fits perfectly into both traditional and modern interiors. Durable Fabrics Circuit (Pattern 15688, indoor/outdoor woven cotton), price upon request, Weaves of Asia



**INSECT BITE.** Entomology goes beyond science books with this stylish designer pattern. Durable Fabrics White (Pattern 2102, cotton-linen blend), price upon request, Weaves of Asia



**EARTHY SWIRLS.** With an earthy palette and interesting patterns, this goes beyond the usual design for valances and upholstery. Durable Gold/Silver 42445 (100% cotton), price available upon request, Weaves of Asia



**INTO THE WOODS.** This yellow, wood-grained pattern is organic and modern at the same time. Vintage Wood (cotton), P1,495/yard, Studio 11



**INGENIOUS IKAT.** An interesting print on a couch can shine on its own. Ikat Print Fabric (polyester-cotton blend), price available upon request, Cave



## 10 HOT FABRIC PATTERNS

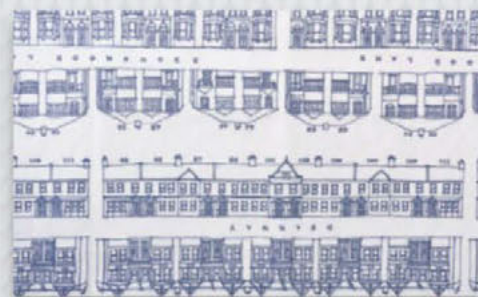
With thousands of available styles in the market, we've rounded up the loveliest patterns out there

**NEUTRAL TERRITORY.** Don't be afraid to go for a little twist in your favorites, even if you're a fan of the classics. Frette Collection (cotton), P1,495/yard, Studio 11



**MATCHING PAIR.** These coordinating patterns that go together make for an effortlessly chic mix. Candid Moment Gardenia (cotton), P1,095/m; Lace It Up Ebony (cotton), P975/m, Townes, Inc.

**FRONT VIEW ELEVATION.** Let this fabric inspire you with its architectural print. Brownmoon Lane Wedgewood (100% cotton), P945/m, Townes, Inc.



**PINK STORIES.** A sweeter take on classic toile de jouy. Colleen Blush (cotton), P1,995 per yard, Studio 11



**LINES AND DOTS.** Blue, white, and red make a strong accent for this fabric that pays homage to its Oriental roots. Durable Fabrics Ionic (Pattern 15699, woven textile), price upon request, Weaves of Asia



### WHERE TO BUY:

**DWELLSTUDIO**  
AT RUSTAN'S DEPARTMENT STORE,  
AYALA CENTER, MAKATI CITY

**MANDAUE FOAM**  
489 SHAW BLVD.,  
MANDALUYONG CITY  
TEL. (02) 234-1112  
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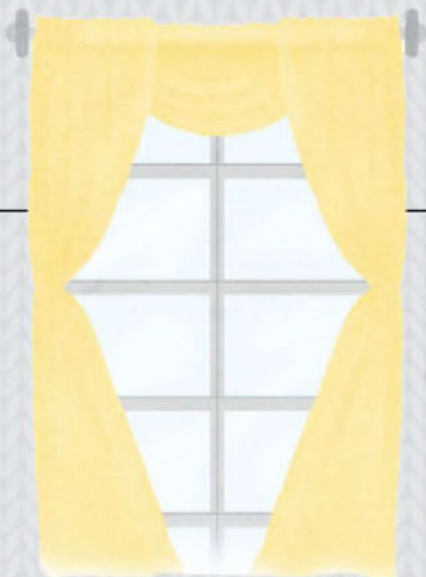
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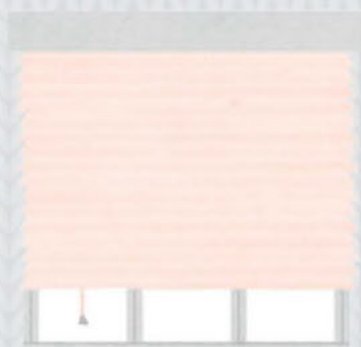
# 101: WINDOW TREATMENTS

ARCHITECT IVY TABLANTE-DARILAG GIVES YOU A CRASH COURSE ON DIFFERENT TYPES OF WINDOW TREATMENTS AND WHAT STYLES THEY WORK BEST IN



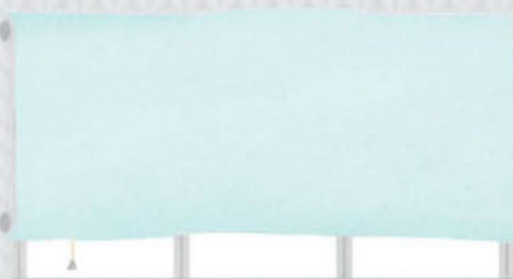
Full or heavy curtains / drapes

Glass curtain / sheer drapes



Blinds

Valance / valance boards



Roller shades

Roman shades



## 1. Full or Heavy Curtains/Drapes

**Uses:** To enhance privacy, block off harsh sunrays, or maintain indoor temperature.

**Where to use:** Heavy curtains may be used for both modern and traditional themes, depending on the choice of material, fabric pattern or print, and mounting style (grommet-type, shirred, pleated). These work in residential and commercial spaces, like hotel lobbies, restaurants, and offices. Regular or non-heavy drapes usually come in thinner, more loosely-woven fabrics, and can therefore only partially block off light.

## 2. Glass Curtain/Sheer Drapes

**Uses:** Achieves privacy without sacrificing natural light. Sheer drapes allow light to come in while blurring the view of the interiors when seen from the outside.

**Where to use:** Sheer drapes can work in tropical-themed homes. For other styles, sheer drapes are often combined with or layered under heavy drapes, enabling users to shift between complete and partial blocking off of light.

## 3. Roller Shades

**Uses:** Roller shades are used when a modern, sleek, and clean look is desired. Like drapes, the material for roller shades may be customized, depending on its availability with the supplier. The material used is usually composed of PVC.

**Where to use:** Roller shades are usually used in corporate or commercial settings because of their very

simple, straightforward aesthetics and ease of maintenance.

## 4. Roman Shades

**Uses:** Like roller shades, roman shades use roll-up mechanisms. However, roman shades fold up instead of roll up. They also use fabric, not PVC, and can therefore easily match other drapery or soft furnishings in a room.

**Where to use:** Roman shades may be used in both commercial and residential spaces.

## 5. Blinds

**Uses:** This type of window treatment allows both complete and partial privacy. Blinds come in different materials, such as PVC, laminate, or wood. Make sure the blinds are durable, especially for the more common PVC type.

## Where to use:

Vertically oriented blinds are usually used in offices, while horizontal ones may be used in residential spaces.

## 6. Valance/Valance Boards

**Uses:** This type is commonly used as an accent placed over the top portion of windows. Valances may be combined with drapes, shades, and blinds to enhance a design theme. They are used alone when covering the entire window is not necessary or desired.

Valances are made up of regular drapery fabrics, sometimes mounted on a board with padding (hence, "valance board").

## Where to use:

Valances give off a dramatic and grand look, so they work best in hotels and classical interiors.



# GUARANTEED FRESH



AFTER

THIS SHOEBOX  
STUDIO UNIT GETS  
REVAMPED INTO  
A REFRESHING  
AND ORGANIZED  
HOME FOR A  
YOUNG FAMILY

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& SUNSHINE SELGA FUNA**



## BEFORE

CHIQUEI AND JAYPEE SISON'S 21-SQM UNIT in Makati is a functional halfway home. After all, the software engineers could just hop and skip to their respective offices in the district. But Chiqui admits that while they accumulated furniture and other assets throughout the years, they paid no attention to aesthetics. *"Salpak lang kami nang salpak ng gamit. Mino-move lang namin, pero walang ayos. Pareho kaming walang hilig sa interior design."*

But when the opportunity came to make their cozy space more suitable for their small family, the couple grabbed it. *"Di ko naisip na may way pa na maayos yung space, kasi lagi kong iniisip, 'Paano kaya gagawin 'yun?'"*

Interior designer Vivian Gacad came to the rescue. "As with most condo units with very limited space, storage is key. When I first came to visit, I noticed that they have no decent closet to hang their clothes in. But I was hesitant to add another huge closet. Then, I remembered Chiqui telling me that she and her husband would like to have a bed that has ample storage. So I thought of creating this multifunction bed that also serves as storage and closet."

Vivian refers to an elevated bed that she had customized to replace the generic bunk bed that the couple originally had. The bed has enough space underneath to fit an office chair and a small work desk, and can even store other small furniture pieces that the couple does not use often. For convenience, Vivian also had low "stair boxes" made and placed at the foot of the bed. Making this area inviting are beddings and printed pillows from Robinsons Department Store. Combination blinds from Handyman allow the couple to control the natural light streaming through the unit's windows, while a white droplight (also from Handyman) illuminates the space at night.

Vivian also considered the couple's two-year-old daughter's needs, even if she does not stay in the unit every day (the limited space prompted both parents to have daughter Autumn stay with Jaypee's mom in Cavite. They go home there every so often). "I left a large space to move around in in the bedroom area. I told Chiqui that her daughter is growing and she needs the play space, too," Vivian explains.



An elevated bed is an ingenious way of maximizing this small studio unit. The ample space underneath can be used to store items and even small furniture that the homeowners occasionally use. Pillows and bed linen from Robinsons Department Store and a droplight from Handyman complete the look. At the foot of the bed are pretty planters from Robinsons Department Store that house herbs like mint, basil, and parsley.



## AFTER



## INTERIOR DESIGNER VIVIAN GACAD SHARES TIPS ON HOW TO GET CREATIVE WHEN DESIGNING A SMALL SPACE

### \* HAVE PIECES CUSTOMIZED.

"The elevated storage bed, storage stair boxes with cushions, and table top for the repurposed dining table were made by furniture suppliers." Bespoke furniture ensures that everything is in proportion to a limited space like the Sisons'.

\* **REPURPOSE.** "The fabrics used for the stair boxes cushions and the bed runner are actually curtains from Robinsons Department Store that I repurposed," says Vivian.

\* **REINVENT.** Vivian had some of the furniture items reconfigured (by shortening their legs) and relocated to free up floor space.

\* **GO FOR DUAL-PURPOSE STORAGE PIECES.** "As with most condo units with very limited space, storage is key. I created this multifunction bed that also serves as storage and closet, and I had the multifunctional stair boxes made. They're stairs, storage, and serve as their sitting area as well."





**CHIQUE SISON** WORKED PREVIOUSLY AS A SOFTWARE ENGINEER. SHE TOOK A BREAK FROM HER JOB WHEN HER HUSBAND JAYPEE, ALSO A SOFTWARE ENGINEER, WAS ASSIGNED TO OUT-OF-THE-COUNTRY TRIPS. "NA-INSPIRE NA TULOY AKONG MAG-INTERIOR DESIGN!" SHE QUIPS UPON SEEING HOW VIVIAN RENOVATED THEIR SPACE.

#### ABOUT THE DESIGNER



**VIVIAN GACAD** is one of *Real Living's* go-to designers. A graduate of Assumption College, Vivian's projects have graced the pages of the magazine, the most recent of which was featured in the July 2015 issue ("Pinoy Pride"). Vivian also busies herself with commercial projects aside from residential ones.

Ready for your own makeover? Contact Vivian Gacad at 0917-532-8484, or email her at [viviangacad\\_designs@yahoo.com](mailto:viviangacad_designs@yahoo.com).



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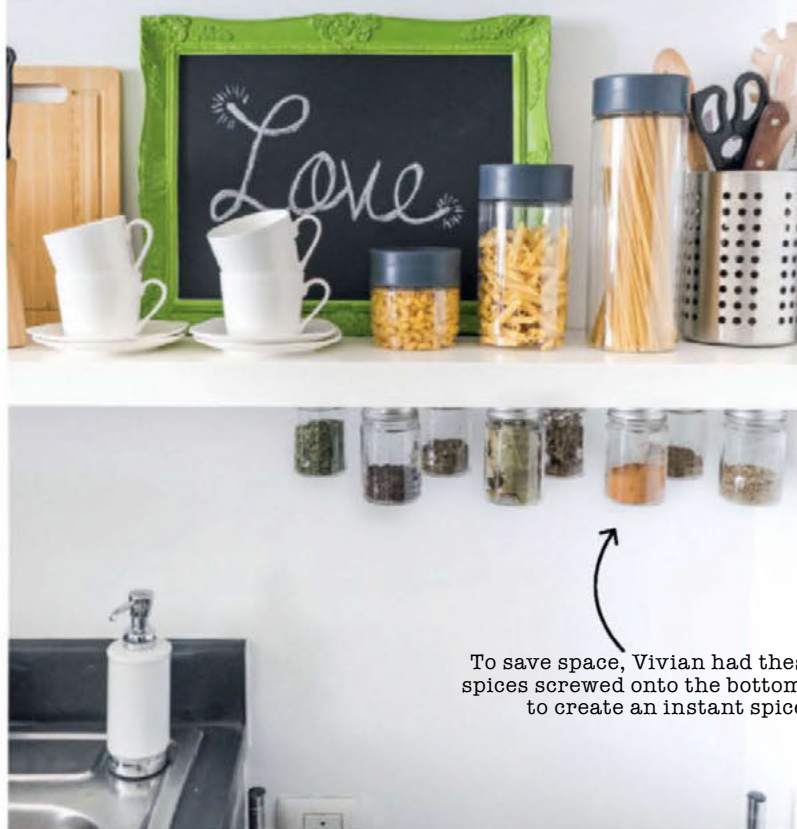
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**GRAND TOTAL**  
P95,000

\*DESIGNER'S FEE NOT INCLUDED



AFTER



To save space, Vivian had these bottles of spices screwed onto the bottom of one shelf to create an instant spice rack.

Prior to this makeover, Jaypee and Chiqui had no dining table. Vivian solved this by fashioning one from plywood and an existing metal rack. The green chairs are from Handyman. A pegboard from Handyman that Vivian had repainted in apple green serves both as an accent and a magnet board. What used to be a cluttered small kitchen (no thanks to freestanding racks that made the space look cluttered instead of organized) is now airy. Laminated shelves from Handyman, which Vivian had painted in white, serve as proper storage for cooking and dining utensils from Robinsons.



BEFORE

Because the unit has a limited floor area, the couple's work station also served as their dining table. To make this setup more conducive to sharing good meals, Vivian fashioned a proper (albeit small) dining table from plywood painted in white and a base that is actually a sturdy storage rack.

Another challenge was to tame the kitchen clutter. "There was no ample storage space, so we built shelves. We organized it in such a way that it would look nice enough to welcome them home after a long day," Vivian says. The designer sourced shelves from Handyman and had them painted white. Kitchen organizers from Robinsons Department Store keep the tiny space spic and span.

Tying together the whole look is a refreshing palette of apple-green and white. Vivian took off from the existing color scheme that she noticed in the unit. Small items like a kettle, wall clock, and weighing scale are all in green. "I was so surprised to see that she picked out my husband's favorite color to decorate the place. *Manghuhula siguro siya!*" exclaims Chiqui.

Seeing how everything turned out made Chiqui giddy with excitement, especially since she deliberately kept Jaypee in the dark as to the progress and final look of their home (as of this writing, Jaypee is on an out-of-the-country work assignment). He sure is in for a big surprise when he flies back.



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